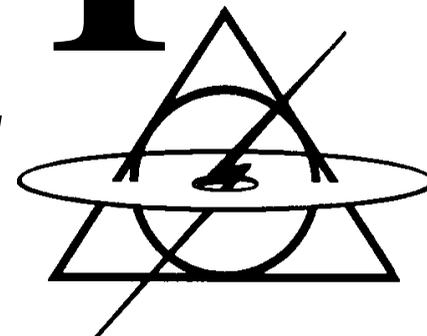


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OLD PRODUCTS—NEW RULES

Hatonn—I know that as we write about things which have been shown to have enhanced either immune systems or countered the debilitating hits on the body, we also have to recognize that the government can't break their agreements with the chemical/drug houses to protect their business interests.

When we speak of colloids we can write about them and yes indeed, there is still a "public" market for those which can only now be labeled properly as SUPPLEMENTS. There remains a daily requirement for minerals and with proper labeling you will note that the colloids, specifically silver, is still marketed in health-food outlets.

New Gaia actually did NOT get charged with abuse or misuse of products—they simply got raided.

ONLY Diane was charged with "anything" at all, so it was noted right from onset of the raids themselves that it was a personal vendetta against her personally from the ones who had had their bills and salaries paid through New Gaia. Nothing changes with evil-intentioned persons does it?

This did, however, cause a shutdown of New Gaia and a severance of all connections with Diane.

There are other resources, readers, for some of the things which you obtained through New Gaia.

As soon as we can find paper space and time, I ask that information be run again on the DRIAS and why there were actually two separate products offered.

"GAIA" only means "living" and with use of "drias" we have "living cells" and in the Gaiandriana and the previously named AquaGaia—you had the cells but presented as "mitochondria". We separated them because Gaiandriana "literally eats" (absorbs) the mitochondria-structured drias and although you have a wondrous "water"-

based but enhanced and ionized product, you do not have a directly focused use. "AquaGaia" is actually only in meaning "Living Water" as translated. No big deal. The objection was that somehow it was noted by the FDA that supposedly there were claims which were interpreted as somehow offering "CURES" of various serious ailments such as cancer "cure", AIDS "cure", AND KILLING OF VIRAL INFECTIONS, A BIGGIE. No, AquaGaia NEVER was touted as a "killer" or "cure" of anything. It enhanced the immune system—as does water. The mitochondria drias feed on the "plaque" particles through the mitochondria—no big deal and has to do with glucose utilization.

The drias are simply fed on vitamins and minerals and some special supplements such as a bit of hydrogen peroxide (of food quality) to make sure there is no contamination of the product and aloe vera because it is a totally wondrous food resource for the cells.

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The only real product enhancer are the drias themselves—they simply don't run around anywhere at random—they come from special "starts" or "seed" stock. Dr. Merkle called them Chondriana and they are KNOWN everywhere as the DNA-repair cells. Dr. Hoffman originally handled New Gaia's "nursery" (the cells from us), personally.

We are not going to fight further battles with any FDA. We will offer product through another resource and through other developers but we have no intention of further problems.

I have to give you this information because I am going to turn to some health issues and the biggy is simply WATER. Then, yes, I am going to suggest you keep your supply flowing of Gaiandriana and a replacement mitochondria supplement which can be added to water, sit a few days and use as part of your INCREASED water intake program.

You are dying, people, from dehydration.

I have also asked Phoenix Source or CONTACT to get a supply of a book we will feature so that you have a resource easily located for the text.

Now, readers, if you find a shutdown from suggesting you drink 8 glasses (10 ounces each) of water a day—GOD HELP YOU ALL! But, the point is not to simply drown selves in buckets of water or overloading your systems—you need to use your reasoning brains.

You need some enhancements for your body, especially that immune system, and you need some positively-ionized supplements—so don't go jump in a lake or the ocean but let us realize that with pop (especially the poison of aspartame) and other substitute liquids—you are damaging yourselves and starving yourselves to the sick-bed.

It is sad to realize that Diane has had to face the courts ALONE because she made nothing and did not write the information in the brochures themselves for which she is now accused of advertising, interstate fraud yet, products. I mention this because you can bet she doesn't want to touch anything. The *Spectrum* group literally did affidavits and served them under confidentiality to the FDA-Fed Court that Diane was "distributing illegal drugs" right through her computer as in a drug distribution network.

Now do you REALLY think that was intended to represent silver colloid? Do you really think that without warning the distribution of silver supplement would bring raids in two states and four different locations when the raided locations had NOTHING to do whatsoever with New Gaia or, actually, Diane.

Serious? Well, because of the nonsense, the raids and the case itself has been referred to by the chief agent in charge as "the debacle". Records of even the CONTACT office and other non-related locations were searched totally, at gunpoint in all locations and the *Spectrum* "friends" had informed the press and TV stations who were on hand for the big "bust", which turned out to be the most pathetic "bust" in history. YOU PAID, TAXPAYER, FOR OVER 40 AGENTS FOR AT LEAST ONE FULL DAY IN TWO STATES. NOTHING ILLEGAL WAS FOUND BUT MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF

RECORDS, COMPUTERS, ETC., WERE TAKEN AND WERE TO HAVE BEEN RETURNED—BUT NOTHING BUT THE HARD DRIVES OF SOME OF THE COMPUTERS WERE RETURNED AFTER DOWNLOADING. I REPEAT—THEY FOUND NOTHING!

Recourse? Well, they want Diane to sign some misdemeanor plea bargain, after destroying her life and job, embarrassing her little children right after terrorizing them with drawn weapons in their living room, and go away. It started off with major "felony" threats. There, after two years (July 2002), are NO CHARGES MADE, NO INDICTMENT—JUST OFFERS TO SHUT HER UP PRIOR TO ANY FORMAL CHARGES.

When there is a decision to reopen with a full product line through some other distribution resource and source business, we will hope to keep you informed. I believe, in fact, that there are a couple of distributors available for most items.

I think you can't possibly realize how tired our people are of just trying to keep your wishes met. Yes, we know it is purely hatred for old "Dad". Fine, I can certainly deal with it although the human body and soul bleeds profusely when cut and shot.

We will get around to discussing these things when we can and we will again be reminding you about Spelt uses as well—for you drift off so quickly and then wonder what makes you feel so bad today.

What, for instance, should one like Lester suggest doing for his friend who is almost wheelchair-bound as he deteriorates? Well, he should get absolutely every product out of reach which shows Aspartame and/or MSG in the product. That means no pop with even the tiniest amount—for the person is totally allergic and dying from the intake.

Then get at least eight or more full glasses of WATER into that system EVERY DAY. Yes, of course, the dehydrated body will be crying out for water but is so ignored that the intake of more drugs to "fight the disease" is literally killing the person. And yes, start with ½ a cup at a time—constantly, until the body shows improvement. IT WILL SHOW IMPROVEMENT AND IT WILL BE FAR MORE QUICKLY THAN ANY OF YOU CAN SUPPOSE.

Do you have parents suffering from dementia or senility? Fine, get them hydrated and be ready for the shock of the year.

Ah but, you see, we know that water cures dehydration—and we are certainly not here to tell you that! Lots of water "seems to somehow cause the person to sometimes report a better feeling after consumption of reasonable amounts of clean water".

Bodies are predominantly WATER-based—like nearly ALL OF IT. And you give it almost NOTHING—shame on you.

CAN WE SURVIVE THE HITS?

Of course.

Will we have ability to move on beyond the intentional destruction attacks against us?

Of course.

God's plan is not shabby and every assault has a lasting and amazing opportunity to prove our holdings and realization. Anyone who wants to withdraw is welcome to do so. Although, it does seem a bit foolish to withdraw as the "takers" do and blast, try to discredit and spread lies. Truth is finding its way to the top of the heap more and more quickly these days, friends.

We will make every effort to keep a resource line available to you all and rest assured that it is not because we do not have assets to offer—but only the inability to yet overcome the negative impacts but it is NOT because it is NOT REAL!

You all are having to be bored and annoyed by ongoing Durham antics and international interference and damage—but we will grow in strength beyond it as truth manifests.

The major one issue has actually been: Is the asset REAL, was there a Russell Herman and did this "thing" ever have use or holding or whatever the "doubt brigade" brings forth.

Oh indeed, indeed. We have shared with you—it is all there already and now there is a need to clear up forgeries, thefts and other games so that we can move on. We don't even want any attention—we want privacy, not hoopla.

With that in mind, I have asked that quite a bit be written on the actual direct information with such as Lt. Cmdr. Al Martin, now retired. The "certificate", Peruvian 3392, is indeed real but current "ownership", etc., is incorrectly presented as things have evolved. It was very definitely the "baby" of the Bush "bunch" and certainly was held and thus "owned" by Russell Herman. It was a BEARER CERTIFICATE changed out to contract issued as to identifiable ownership to Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing, Ltd. All the rest of the haggle is exactly that—haggle and false information as V.K. Durham tried for total ownership and control which simply is NOT A FACT.

But how can you know more than just our word? Oh, it gets easier and easier.

Let us just turn to a newly released book, *THE CONSPIRATORS: Secrets of an Iran-Contra Insider*, by the above noted Al Martin—who has had to go again into hiding just to save his life.

Here, Mark, I suggest you give us a bit of a HEADLINE so people with inquiring minds don't miss the next I will share.

Over the months ahead we will probably, yes, use a LOT of Commander Martin's writings—to both help protect him with a bit of sheltering publicity and BECAUSE what we have with which we work is so closely related to the same parties as brought to your attention in this incredibly important book. Cmdr. Martin is not giving you Spiritual input to hype you on things of odd happenings—**what he offers is insight into corruption and planned criminal behavior of your LEADERS**, world. This is just one tiny, tiny little cell but one which has had enormous impact around the NEW WORLD GLOBE.

In advance, I also thank Al for giving us some shelter in this major holding we have by not naming us or further speculating about the circumstances. The reference we will use is actually a small part of a reference to parties in Nevada and the incredible financial games in full play by the Bush family and friends.

HOWEVER, SINCE THE PERUVIAN GOLD CERTIFICATES ARE MENTIONED IN THIS BOOK, WE WILL SHARE. IT IS THE SAME WITH NAMES ADJUSTED TO KEEP SOME MODICUM OF PRIVACY.

[QUOTING *THE CONSPIRATORS: Secrets of an Iran-Contra Insider*. BY AL MARTIN; excerpting from page 34:]

... That required initiating new fraud to repay old fraud, which is the same continued pattern from the 1980s until today. That is exactly the recycling of money that goes on. Old fraud eventually has to be bought out from the fruits of new fraud.

The pressure has continued, particularly since Bush has left office. It's one of the reasons the man is taking Prozac.

Another reason is his sons are all under some sort of pressure because they cannot or have not been able to generate sufficient fresh revenues from new fraud to pay back old fraud.

This was discussed vis-a-vis the Sumitomo situation, the Daiwa Securities deal and so on.

Bush Sr. attempted to get into a fraud in Nevada with what is commonly known as the Peruvian Gold Certificate Fraud. These certificates are now controlled by the Durham family and the Hellenic Corporation and Cosmos Corporation in Nevada.

Bush was able to obtain some of the original certificates and hypothecate them. Interestingly enough, the Treasury Department very quietly created a loophole saying that these certificates were valid again—when in fact that had actually been declared cancelled years ago.

The contract person, who made all this happen in Nevada, is still there. She was there ten years ago. She was the person to see in Nevada for Republican-sponsored fraud—the Secretary of State, Frankie Sue DelPapa.

She is George Bush's hand-picked person in Nevada. Since Bill Miller is retiring, most likely Frankie Sue (unless someone goes after her) may be the next governor.

But, let me tell you, she had some balls. I mean, she would go directly into corporate files, and actually pull out original documents and have them forged and transferred without any of the corporate officers of said corporation even knowing about it.

Suddenly assets would wind up being surreptitiously pledged to bank loans. It's a little like the Wild West or something.

When people would complain about it in Nevada, Miller would do nothing. Nothing would ever be done about. [H: Miller is the ex-governor of Nevada.]

[END OF QUOTING]

Get the book! And no, it hasn't anything to do with GAIA. And no, Martin is not in trouble over GAIA. This is NOTHING in the overall can of poison spiders. He has blown the lid off such things as Operation Orpheus, the ONI and CZX.

Will it make a difference? Well, who knows! However, just watch at the games under way right now in the Middle East as Cheney tries to patch a few things with Sharon and makes the U.S. look totally ridiculous and stupid. Big things are at stake among the "evil" commission. There are no "accidents" involved with ENRON, Arthur Andersen and on and on down the list of dust-biters.

Will we be able to overcome the "stonewalls"? We will have to see, won't we—but the work we have done will NOT just go away, for it has been massively major and some day some "little people" will get mad enough to not take it any longer and start using the assets made available.

I can tell you one thing, we are not going to stop because the misfits who "take" from us and then bash us for inquiring, for instance, "Where did you secure the gold for the Gaiandriana?" The reaction to the lovely lady who went to graciously inquire? Well, met with hostility and refusal to even discuss anything because of Ekkers who never had a cross word with the person—nor frankly, did I. What do you think might just be the trouble? Missing gold? Oh my, among other far more "important" things. People get outrageously hostile when they are WRONG, people, and if you haven't noticed as much—open your eyes and ears. YOU ARE THE VICTIMS! In this particular instance, however, there are many far more closely related "victims"—and one is just about to fall for the blarney and flattery and cost herself everything of meaning to her to date. But each must make their own choices, for it IS the way of it. Readers, it is a global phenomenon.

The Evil Empires are ready to fall and they will take everyone and thing possible WITH THEM. Satan doesn't care about YOUR well-being, he will use you for his purposes and after you are no longer of value will toss you out on your ear. This is when it is usually noted that the one with damaged ear runs back to God and cries foul—"fix it for me". You want God to FIX that which you deliberately and intentionally break. Well, the rest of us can simply look on and realize that the "fixing" becomes between that one and God and is NOT "your" problem NOR MINE. It is, even with me, my mandate to "warn" and cause, if possible, you to think—and then I too must stand back and allow.

Given time, the miscreants uncover themselves. Revenge is not the point, readers, but to appreciate the return of consequences is not wrong to note or appreciate. We have a MAJOR commission to fill and of which we accepted the package. We knew it would be difficult and hurtful at times even if we did not realize just "how" hurtful or deliberate would be the assaulters. It is fine, students, for we are prepared to act in

such circumstances without fear as we unfold this grand and wondrous gift and yes, payback, for services rendered—far beyond any duty to perform.

When an error happens—don't beat-up yourselves. We all learn by communications, teamwork and sharing—especially the load. When we share the load, we can then more beautifully SHARE THE REWARDS OF OUR WORK WELL DONE. Be gentle on selves, make corrections and MOVE ON—not away—ON. So, you goof? Well, God is constantly accused of goofing—doesn't really mean much in the accusing, does it? If your error is something that can be fixed/repaired—good, let us all pitch in and repair any damage. What is done is done, so let us not beat the poor dead pup to strings. And know, readers, it is NEVER too late to fix it with me. THAT is one of my jobs.

Let us close this now for this morning as there is much to attend. Thank you. Love self and smile at self—for YOU are God's greatest creation. Do not insult HIM by claiming otherwise.

I salute you, GCH

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There are many ways in which one can participate in the glorious unfolding of this once-in-many-eras opportunity to beneficially change this planet. While some of us have the honor of participating directly—involved in it as we are with our day-to-day work—you, the reader of this newspaper, can join with the Mission in other ways: specifically, through your financial support of this effort and your positive thoughts and prayers.

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Doris' Corner

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By Doris & E.J. Eker

RE: V.K. DURHAM'S POISON-PEN LETTERS TO PHANTOM RECEIVERS, HER VERSION OF "MARRIAGE APPLICATION AND RECORD". RESPONSE TO COPIES DIRECTED TO "BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES" AND "EKKER'S-ECKER'S"

DELAYED RESPONSE

Having not received copies of the Faxes sent by V.K. Durham through third parties on March 9, 2002 until March 18, 2002, we are delayed in immediately responding as would otherwise been forthcoming in CONTACT of March 20, 2002. It is pursuant to the request of legal counsel that we respond at all, although nothing V.K. has offered in any way rebuts or addresses any "errors" in the Public Notice dated March 4, 2002, which is now a LEGALLY qualified document.

There are several reasons, however, to make public these particular documents she has now distributed. And we hope that you have your prior papers on this matter, handy for review.

We remind you readers that CONTACT has published the four KNOWN signatures of Russell Herman with applicable circumstance, i.e., "Passport of 1981-86", "Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing, Ltd." incorporation dated Feb. 27, 1985 (Incorporation of CSEML was #1707-85, March 13, 1985), and the signature on the "Sixty Day List of Officers, Directors", dated Sept. 17, 1985 and, finally, the signature on the "Assignment" of Aug. 5, 1993.

These dates are important because you will need to then refer to the signature of Russell Herman on that Marriage Application supplied by Ms. Durham. IT is a blatant forgery by V.K. Durham.

The DATES on that document will be equally important.

V.K. Durham's presentation moves beyond amusing and into total embarrassment FOR her.

Not only does the woman seem

to not know her own various names nor those of Russell Herman—but she idiotically sticks

them in front of the public as if they somehow become real because she says so.

"Ekker's" is a good example of her disinformation. She scribbles across the top of her letter to God-alone-only-knows-who she claims this time, for she has carelessly (intentionally) redacted information in a most feeble-minded

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Cc: [REDACTED]
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Gentlemen:

The Corporate Officers of Global Alliance Investment Association, E.J. and Doris J. Eker and/or Ecker, currently residing in Makati Philippines have "caused" by Deeds of Assignment for Consideration instruments in the approximate amount of 10 BILLION DOLLARS each (GOLD); to be lodged and "Warehoused" in your Islamic and Asian Development Banks.

Further; These individuals allege to be marketing a "JURAT" Contract on BONUS 3392-181 (Certificate of indebtedness of Peru) dated May 1, 1975. Gentlemen; WE ARE THE "HOLDERS" and have authorized no such usage of our Collateral.

BONUS 3392-181 originally was a "Bearer Bond". The BEARER BOND status ceased August 1, 1994 formally Recorded into DEED status. Please do your DUE DILLIGENCE and check with Washington County Illinois County Records DEED SECTION Recorded DEED No. 189934, Book 433, Page 849; pages 260 through 277. You will find our DOCUMENTS Recorded of Public Record. These documents are further recorded in Ida County Iowa.

The Documents held by DEED 189934 includes the Commodity Contract by JURAT which bears the Signature of V.K. DURHAM notarized by the Official Seal of SUE A. SCHWANKHAUS "NOTARY" whereas a side mark by Ms. Schwankhaus is noted "Notary Signature of V.K. Durham only." Mr. Herman's signature was signed by Power of Attorney V.K. DURHAM. Power of Attorney also filed of Record. WE ARE THE "HOLDERS" WE ARE THE ONLY ENTITY WHICH CAN SHOW "COLOUR" ON THE BANK FLOOR. We, The Durham Holding Trust have Authorized NO such "authorization" to the GAIA Corporate Officers who are alleging Ownership.

Further; In "doing your due diligence" you will find the JURAT allegedly "owned" and "marketed by the Ekker's of Global Alliance Investment Association, herein after called GAIA.. are forgeries and fraudulent COPIES of our instruments.

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the negative), refuses to turn them over to CSEML, and claims ownership through other TOTALLY FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS.

Neither matters as Mr. Russell Herman's "portion" was LAWFULLY assigned and now is held by GAIA which is Officered and Directed by both Ekkers. Ekkers, however, also have fiduciary responsibility for CSEML whether or not V.K.'s tongue lashes and bellows.

We find it interesting that V.K. rants that "we" (her holding Trust?) are not party to such "Un-Holy" ventures. Perhaps that is to impress one of the "addressees" where she has allowed the word "Islamic" to remain unredacted. What she fails to understand, however, is that GAIA is not an "enemy" of Islam. If things go as expected, and they will, GAIA should soon be known as the best friend of Islam.

Surely I, Doris, will be "ranting and raving" some more, readers, in behalf of Russell Herman—count on it. V.K.'s rendition of Russell's funeral service with tears in the eyes and patriotic flyovers by the "missing-man formation" of jets in his honor, topped off with an imaginary "re-reading of our Marriage Vows" seems a bit out of sync with her more recent claims of not trusting Russell Herman-Herrman—Herrmann (etalliis) because he was close to George Bush and was CIA. And another little reminder of her claim that when he showed up at her place she even had to buy his underwear ("jockey shorts") because he "HAD NOTHING" but the "clothes on his back". How does that fit with the story she tells of being in a coma from a programmed auto "accident", coming out of it enough to call Russell and he came running from Illinois to California to save her? Maybe she is suffering from holodeck addiction? Truth is: She lies and forges documents. Her obsession with multiple spellings for names and words should be a clue to her mental imbalance.

SWEETIE POOH

In one of V.K.'s letters to "Sweetie Pooh" Doris, she blasted me for forging Russell's name on that assignment AND, NO LESS: How did his name go from "Herrman" to "Herman"?

Then there is Bellringer's rendition, which he said he got from V.K., that Russell was cloned and one of his clones met with Rick Martin and signed the assignment. Then we had the "5 replicas" pronouncement about "Herman".

All we know is Russell Herman's

signature is on the assignment as "Russell Herman", and therein lays the whole of it.

Moreover, I was first accused, and then anyone who might have been nearby, of forging his signature. Now it turns out that she forged Russell's signature to look like the assignment when she created the Transfer/Michel document sometime later.

MARRIAGE APPLICATION

She said that some other Herman was receiving the pay of her Herrman (only he wasn't "hers") and it was a payroll SNAFU. So, what we find now is even more interesting as she sends along a copy of a Marriage Application with about as

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many weird things on it as her typical shenanigans (thank you, Dr. Young).

We have to suppose that V.K. sent the copy of the application to the "Bank of the Philippines" for some purpose, probably in response to the fact that she was never married and now needs backup.

The first thing we note on that application is that certainly Russell Herman's signature is pure forgery. She signs as V. "Catherine Herman". Can only one party to the marriage sign for both? Interesting concept, or could it be through a Power of Attorney as was somehow supposedly necessary near the time of her frantic filings just before Russell died?

The application is dated December 1, 1993. And then a Mark S. Lohmes (Minister) was supposed to officiate at a marriage (labeled Religious) December 2, 1993, except "Minister Lohmes" did not sign the application. [We rest our case.]

How quaint: That is just about 3 months AFTER the assignment from Herman to Rick Martin. Funny, the name is spelled "Herman", so what happened to "Herrman"?

Moving to "recorded on..." we find December 6, 1993, and on both December 1 and 6 the witness or clerk rep. is a Nancy Heseman who has also signed (initialed as well) Thomas Ganz, and bears the seal of the County Clerk.

At the top of this page V.K. has patched in a paragraph of Thomas Ganz certifying "that this is a true and correct copy of the marriage application and record for Russell E. Herman and V. Catherine Herman. This application is for second marriage, first of which took place in Mexico; October 27, 1987." Thomas Ganz has signed the appropriate line (matches other signatures) and dated it November 2, 1994. Hummmnn? 11-2-94???? That was two months after Russell's death.

Let us leave that a while and move back down to the document "application" and note "Second marriage" in V.K.'s printing (before or after the Ganz certification?). Moving on down we find V.K. has inserted "(MARRIED IN MEXICO; OCTOBER 27, 1987)".

There are several things wrong with this entry as well as to "time", since NOBODY even inkled that these two were married prior to the time of Russell's death. It was told to visitors, business partners, etc., that they only "lived together as friends and not as a married couple". Why? If they were married in 1987?

It is not going to be totally off the wall to tell you that Rick's mother Zita died of cancer at the time we were beginning to sort

this incredible Herman-Durham "stuff". Rick checked everywhere to find validation of a marriage. I mention Zita because Rick had opportunity to go several times to Mexico for her treatment. He checked and never was able to find anything of this nature on ANY records. I won't mention locations because V.K. can change that at the drop of a

misspelling. This, of course, was after he found NOTHING in the counties where they would have lived in either California or Illinois. Rick was looking because Russell had said they were not married and she was claiming they were. She was promising CONTACT \$40 million from the sale of the \$250 million worth of artifacts (according to Dr.

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responsible for "forgeries" or any harm which may come to your ISLAMIC & ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANKS by the GAIA PERSONS who; have deliberately set about to CAUSE THE COLLAPSE of THE ISLAMIC & ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANKS "had" the Banks been called upon for "defense" in this current "war" or had it escalated and brought about the involvement of the Arab Nations in Defense of Palestine. We are not a party to this deceptive practice, nor would we ever be a party to such a "Un-Holy" venture. This can be researched and established regarding your own DIRHAM silver commodity i.e., coins and it's origination. We, "THE" Dirham-DURHAM "Keep our Word and our Sacred Bond" as matters of integrity, Morals, Honour and Ethics. We have not, nor would we violate the before mentioned.

In furtherance; One of your own came to THE DURHAM HOLDING TRUST in 2000. The Gentleman (and accompanying gentleman) was a MEMBER of your Banking Families. The Gentleman's name is [REDACTED] We visited for a long period of time, discussing the needs of your nation, and sister nations. Mr. [REDACTED] held our instruments in his hands. He saw the COLUOR. He knows we are THE HOLDERS. He further, can explain to you our own "position" regarding "matters discussed that date." We ask you to discuss these matters with Mr. Baghdadi, as they are most important to each of us.

How you deal with the GAIA Corporate Officers is up to you.. We are not, nor have we been a party to this Un-Holy practice of DECEPTION. Our Records are in order. Please do your Due Diligence regarding these matters herein addressed.

Until persons such as the Ekker's who have actively engaged in International Banking & Financial Frauds; alleging "Humanitarian Projects" in Joint Venture Agreements issuing those known "Deeds of Assignment for Consideration" to Active Dissidents engaged in a Jihad against the United States.. There will be no peace. Peace will not come to the United States, nor to the NATIONS OF ISLAM. We must each consider the over-all disasterous pathway taken by GAIA and it's Corporate Officers. Again, this is your Area of Jurisdiction.. Hopefully you will do your DUE DILLIGENCE and proceed accordingly in the prosecution of FRAUDULENT AND DECEPTIVE PRACTICES WITH MALICIOUS INTENT TO CAUSE HARM as evidenced by GAIA Corporate Officers, E.J. and Doris J. Ekker currently residing in Makati Philippines.

If we can be of assistance; Please do not hesitate to contact us at [REDACTED] or call [REDACTED]

Best Regards-

I Remain-

Yours truly,

V.K. Durham; CEO THE DURHAM HOLDING TRUST "HOLDER"
PO BOX 113; IDA GROVE, IOWA 51445

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Robert Knecht) which were not mentioned in any "Will" that we saw. If they were not married and the artifacts not willed to her, she had no right to sell them, so Rick was trying hard to learn the truth.

V.K.'s own story was that she was in a bad accident as "they" were trying to kill her—and Russell Herman immediately rushed to her bedside to "protect" her. (Without underwear, of course!) She said he never left her side from that time on. But, that cannot be true because the CSEML records show her to have been in Belleville, Illinois while he was still in California through at least two ANNUAL 60-Day Officers and Directors lists where Russell was the only of the two listed as a Director.

Moreover, her OWN STORY was that she was in such bad shape that he had to attend her totally and even teach her how to talk "again" because she could not speak and couldn't get around on her own. Dr. Robert Knecht said she was in a coma for a year. Who knows? The Shadow perhaps?

She has also stated that Andy Nicholaw was a witness to this marriage number one, but no mention is made of Mexico—in that infamous family Bible, which she admitted to us was her only real evidence of the marriage. We also have noted that Andy Nicholaw witnessed many things FOLLOWING Russell's death; we wonder if he knows that.

And why did she not enter Russell Herman, Herrman, Hermann, Herrmann, as is her MO, on the application? She didn't even get HER name right! And now she is going by cutesie Katherin? Maybe she has slipped a cog?

Ganz certified that this was a "copy". In other instances that little certification is on his personal stationery; this time it appears Catherine prepared the certification for his signature so she could slip in the assertion: "This application is for second marriage, first of which took place in Mexico; October 27, 1987." [The giveaway here is the semicolon after Mexico; a pro would use a comma or nothing at all. V.K. is notorious for her over- misuse of the semicolon.]

Well, now back to the Transfer of Ownership document—(Michel Doc.): Why was there no mention of "Mr. and/or Mrs." on it? If they were married—she would have surely shown it on that document. **She and Russell Herman were never married and that is an obvious fact.**

And the "application" becomes another example of V.K. creating her own documents. [page 9]

Oh and by the way, in her "Bible" she indicated a Rev. Johnson had married them and on this application and "record", it is shown as a Mark S. Lohmes. Will the real preacher please stand up?

And by the way, again today, the very HEAD

OF THE U.S. FBI is in town and surely we had hoped for a call via V.K.'s invitation to arrest us—but alas, ignored again! This now makes reps from the World Bank, IMF, Fed Res., CIA himself, Bush reps and now the FBI overlooking our "evil" selves! Oh could it be we are not the major part of this new "evil axis" after all?

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**GLOBAL ALLIANCE INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION
PUBLIC NOTICE**

March 4, 2002

This notice will be construed as a continuation of compliance with provisions necessary to establish presumed fact (Rule 301, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and attending State rules). All interested parties have failed to rebut any given allegation or matter of law addressed herein. The position will be construed as adequate to requirements of judicial notice, thus preserving fundamental law. A true and correct copy of this Public Notice is on file with and available for inspection at the newspaper CONTACT which is responsible for publishing the instrument as a legal notice.

This document is to notify interested parties to Global Alliance Investment Association (GAIA) of intent to immediately render assistance to the Philippine PEOPLE adequate funds through GAIA for stabilizing the financial institutions and businesses that they might recover from circumstantial losses through international political interference and intervention.

This notice is being run as a courtesy and public notice of intent to use said assets, first formally recognized January 19, in the Year of the Lord, 2001. At that time the GAIA assets had been duly validated and presented, and notice accepted by the international parties who OWE the DEBT thereof. That Public Notice was the subject of objection and for more than one year GAIA has entertained and responded to the objections of Vira Katherine Durham, who has not only failed to bring the matter to competent court, but has also been forced to disclose documents that irrefutably prove she is neither the wife of Russell Herman, the former custodian of the Peruvian Gold Certificate Bearer Bond called (by George Bush, Sr.) the SuperFund, nor the holder of any interest in Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing, Ltd., a Nevada corporation established in 1985 to "own" and shelter the asset for God's greater purpose. Her documents have so exposed her forgeries that nothing she might proffer could change anything.

GAIA is an "alliance association", ready, willing and able to serve the global community. GAIA holds rights to claim IMMEDIATE use of funds from this debt unpaid to date against interest accrued and based on hard commodity: gold bullion, coin, or any physical derivative thereof.

GAIA continues to stand, further, ready, willing and able, to make concessions and offer "time" allowance to acquire collateral and will seek all avenues available to establish the gathering in of said hard assets so as not to extend the pain and misery of the people.

We have offered to support the nation of the Philippines and, furthermore, to not interfere with such institutions as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank operations, or the Federal Reserve or U.S. Treasury. We make this offer at the request of the former holder of these assets as documented and valid, as his last bequest. This very offering can be recognized as an international resource with credit to the United States of America as now making some restitution to those damaged through untoward activities prior to now.

There is a continuing commitment on the part of GAIA to maintain and respect all agreements. However, since the government of the U.S.A. has violated its agreement with GAIA and overtly interfered with the acceptance of the GAIA DEEDS OF ASSIGNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION, using its IMF to influence central banks, there will be assumed no further objection to negotiate use for domestic U.S.A. through the various states and other jurisdictions thereof. The U.S.A. might find it useful to mitigate the anticipated effect of this action by immediately removing, through the IMF, all impediments to the use of GAIA's DEEDs in all jurisdictions.

As of publication of this Public Notice, no NATION need have further reservations regarding the use of the GAIA DEEDs.

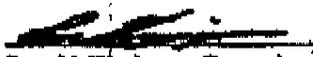
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that a copy of the stamped document returned by the Recorder of Clark County, Nevada will be included as a part of each information package provided to DEEDholders.

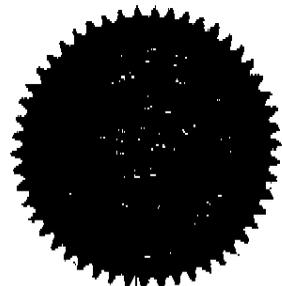
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed and sealed this authorization as of the date hereof.

For the Corporation, dated at Makati, Manila, the Philippines, this 4th day of March 2002.


E.J. Ekker, President & Director


Doris J. Ekker, Secretary & Director


Ronald Kirzinger, Executive Vice President, Witness



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By golly, the U.S. Embassy even gave us new pages for our Passports and that means we are in GOOD STANDING, readers.

V.K. says Doris protests "too Loudly and Too Much"? Oh? I don't think there could be TOO MUCH!

By the way, sleuths: Look at the way she has written "Much" on the top of the document—that big curl on the "M" is typical of the way she forges Andy Nicholaw's signature! Interesting? Yes, we think so.

Russell may well have suggested she could sign his name better than he could—but that is not true. She can't even copy or spell it correctly, nor her own name as well.

By the way number two: Ekkers do not "RESIDE" in "Makati Philippines" as V.K. states. Ekkers are on visitor's visas and we certainly do NOT "RESIDE" here—we are U.S. CITIZENS and "reside" in California, U.S.A. and represent an Association which "resides" in the State of Nevada, U.S.A. Neither even qualifies as "doing business" in the Philippines.

REQUEST TO MARK MOORE, CONTACT

Please, when you run the copy of the "Public Notice" V.K. sent attached to the "Bank of the Philippines" FAX, please make sure the whole thing is included.

Note that the copy is reduced and bears the marks of the document being faxed that same day at 7:26 AM "TO" V.K. which also indicates that this was the 15th page so sent. Also make sure it has the Durham information on it for publication.

No, friends and readers, THIS GARBAGE DOES NOT indicate a rebuttal to the Notice. It is just what it appears to be: garbage.

The notice stands legal and binding while we certainly welcome all V.K.'s contributions. And oh, by the way—redacting the headings of her letters does not help her cause—it CONVICTS her.

As a claimed "Attorney in Fact", she should know as much.

I just can't let that letter heading "Subject: 20 TRILLION DOLLARS 'BOGUS INSTRUMENTS' 'WAREHOUSED' IN ISLAMIC & ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANKS" pass unnoticed. Oh my! Name them, V.K.! THE COURT WILL REQUIRE IT OF HER.

"Pathetic" comes to mind as she indicates her usual schlock of To: Islamic something or other... Saudi Arabia and Chief of Operations Fraud Division INTERPOL. and then on to Washington, District of Columbia. And all that from "Katherin".

Russell Herman must be flying with the Angels which would make a pilot happy and he did, after all,

have his own "Air Plane" out at "Dress Regional"—near "Petes Steak House in Evansville, Indiana".

GOD BLESS RUSSELL HERMAN AND MAY WE JUST KEEP RIGHT ON AHEAD UNTIL SOME OF HIS DREAMS CAN BE REALIZED. SUCCESS HAS BECOME A REAL POINT OF INTENT TO ME, DORIS.—E-E

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I Thomas Ganz, Washington County Clerk, do certify that this is a true and correct copy of the marriage application and record for Russell E. Herman and V. Catherine Herman. This application is for second marriage, first of which took place in Mexico; October 27, 1987.

Thomas Ganz 11-2-94
Thomas Ganz Date

COPY

Second Marriage.

STATE OF ILLINOIS MARRIAGE APPLICATION AND RECORD STATE FILE NUMBER

TYPE / PRINT IN PERMANENT BLACK INK

1. County Washington License Number 113

2. Bride — Name *RUSSELL E. HERMAN*

3a. Residence — Street and Number or R.F.D. RR # 1, Box 171 3b. City OKAWVILLE 3c. County WASHINGTON 3d. State ILLINOIS

4. Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year) July 2nd 1927 5. Age 66 6. Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) ILLINOIS 7. Social Security Number 8. Usual Occupation MARKETING

9a. Father — Name WALTER HERMAN 9b. Address LANSING ILLINOIS 9c. Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) ILLINOIS

10a. Mother — Maiden Name FRANCIS Lucas 10b. Address LANSING ILLINOIS 10c. Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) ILLINOIS

11. Bride — Name *V. CATHERINE HERMAN* 12. Maiden Name (If Different) DURHAM

13a. Residence — Street and Number or R.F.D. RR #1, Box 171 13b. City OKAWVILLE 13c. County WASHINGTON 13d. State ILLINOIS

14a. Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year) 1/30/36 14b. Age 57 14c. Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) ILLINOIS 14d. Social Security Number 14e. Usual Occupation MARKETING

15a. Father — Name H. LaRue 15b. Address SHAWNEETOWN 15c. Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) KENTUCKY

16a. Mother — Maiden Name EDITH NAOMI HAYES 16b. Address SHAWNEETOWN 16c. Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) ILLINOIS

17. If Parties Are Related To Each Other — Specify Relationship (MARRIED IN MEXICO, OCTOBER 27, 1987) 18. This License Expires On December 2, 1993

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THAT WE ARE FREE TO INTERMARRY UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE AND THE LAW JURISDICTION WHERE WE RESIDE AND WE ARE THE IDENTICAL PERSONS NAMED IN THE ACCOMPANYING PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATES.

19. Bride (Sign Full Name) *Russell Herman* 20. Bride (Sign Name) *V. Catherine Herman*

21. Subscribed and Sworn To Before Me On: December 1, 1993 22. State of Illinois (Month, Day, Year) December 2, 1993 23. County Clerk *Thomas Ganz* 24. City Okawville 25. Religious Minister

26. Name of Officiant Mark S. Lobmes 27. Title of Officiant Minister

28. Date Recorded (Month, Day, Year) December 6, 1993 29. Signature of County Clerk *Thomas Ganz* 30. Signature of Officiant *Mark S. Lobmes*

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH — OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS

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Reexamination Of “Holy Books” In Relation To The Actual Truth

(PART 8)

CRUCIFIXION OF THE PHOENIX

BY GYEORGOS CERES HATONN

“dharma”

PHOENIX JOURNAL #12 (1990)

CHAPTER 18

REC #1 HATONN

TUE., JAN. 30, **1990** 7:30 A.M. YEAR 3, DAY 167

TRUTH

Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set ye free!

Do ones who claim “their” work to have been “pilfered” or “stolen” from the public documents having been set forth as “non-fiction” and we call of it truth—lie? If Jmmanuel Sananda (Jesus) writes something of his own, or Fleet Commanders write something of their own experience and it meshes with that which others have written, is that truth? Is it lie? Can you claim God as your own special possession which excludes another from truth?

If you disclaim of another’s penning as untruth—and it is exactly that which ye have projected (and ye are complaining of it)—does it not indicate that ye have lied unto your brother? If ye make judgments about documents which ye have not so much as read in total—have ye the right to denounce and disclaim the authors as being evil? I shall take a most recent disclaimer of this work and examine it at the ending of my presentation this morning.

THIS IS THE *CRUCIFIXION OF THE PHOENIX* AND I SHALL POINT OUT TO YOU HOW IT BEGINS AND HOW THE NEGATIVE POWER WILL MAKE OF ITSELF MOST FOOLISH INDEED.

LORD BUDDHA:

“Foolish to think that truth is in untruth, equally foolish that untruth is in truth—truth is always truth, untruth always untruth... Only suffering for the evil man—suffering now, suffering later, suffering in this world and the next. Happiness for the good man—happiness now, happiness later, happiness in this world and the next...”

“Right views will be the torch to light his way. Right aspirations will be his guide. Right speech will be his dwelling-place on the road. His gait will be straight, for it is right behavior. His refreshments will be the right way of earning his livelihood. Right efforts will be his steps: right thoughts his breath; and right contemplation will give him the peace that follows in his footprints.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they

shall inherit the Earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

LORD JESUS CHRIST (JMMANUEL):

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door shall be opened to you. For every one who asks, receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened... For there is nothing hid, except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret, except to come to light.”

WHY TODAY?

There are two states for man—the state in this world, and the state in the next; there is also a third state—intermediate between these two, which can be likened to a dream... while in the intermediate state, he foresees both the evils and the blessings that will yet come to him, as these are determined by his conduct, good or bad, upon the Earth.

I shall give you some typical expressions of ones who experience what you call “near death”. WE prefer “near life”. This will somewhat explain that third beingness a bit better than to simply describe it by definition.

“The next thing I remember is feeling myself being drawn through this dark tunnel at incredible speed, kind of like I was falling down this deep well, and as I fell, all my cares and troubles seemed to melt away. There was no pain at all; just a feeling of warmth, of peace and calm and solitude. As I was falling, I could hear this beautiful music all around me, like bells tinkling or choirs humming. It was as if my being or soul was pulsating or vibrating with this music.

“At the end of this tunnel was this beautiful bright light. It was small at first but got bigger and brighter as I moved toward it. I was drawn to it, like a magnet. Suddenly this white light was all around me, enveloping me, surrounding me with warmth and love. But it was more than just light; it was a Being, a Divine Presence with a definite personality. While in Its presence I felt totally accepted, loved and secure.

“Then the Being asked me a question: What had I done with my life to show Him—and was I ready to die? Suddenly, I saw a panoramic view of my whole life—all the things I had ever thought or said or done were there in full color—like a cinema show but more real. It was as if the Being was helping me to judge myself and my life.

“Then it was as if nine-tenths of my brain was opened up and I was privileged to see, hear and understand all knowledge; for a second, all the secrets of the ages and Universe, the meaning of Creation and

life and death and its endless cycles were revealed to me.

“Next the Being showed me this beautiful place—it was like Heaven—with light and music everywhere. It was like a beautiful countryside or forest—and I was part of it with other people, too. No words can describe the beauty of this place or the love and warmth I felt being there.

“The Being asked me if I wanted to stay and I said, “Yes!” I never wanted to leave this place or His presence. But then He said to me that I couldn’t stay here yet; that I still had a mission to accomplish, things to do for Him and that if I really loved Him, I would go back and finish these deeds for Him.

“Suddenly, I was back in that tunnel and everything went black again. When I next awoke, I realized that my soul was once again in the prison of the body.

“I no longer fear death because I know what to expect—and He’ll be there to greet me. But I have no wish to die immediately either, I still have work to do for Him—and the next time I go, I want to go with no regrets!” This person died in an unforeseen accident. The next illustration is one from a man who chose suicide:

“... That last drink gave me the ‘courage’ I needed.

“I stumbled out of the bar and into my car and drove off down the highway toward the cliff. As I reached the cliff, I veered to the right and the car, with me in it, went sailing off into space. I felt the crash shake my whole body and pain shot through my head—and I blacked out.

“The next thing I knew I was out of my body and trapped in some kind of awful limbo state. It was horrible! Everything from which I had been trying to escape—the loss of my job, the embarrassment, the drinking—all of it kept going on and on, again and again. It was like some kind of rerun. Every time I would go through the whole sequence of events, I would think, ‘Boy, I’m glad that’s over!’ and then it would start all over again, and I knew that I would be in this horrible place, this pathetic state of existence, for a long time—maybe forever!

“I immediately saw the mistake I had made and wished I hadn’t done it, but now there was nothing I could do about it because I couldn’t get out of this place and back into my body. All of my problems were still with me—but in even greater intensity! It was like I couldn’t think of anything else BUT my problems! I was confused and perplexed and felt like my brain had been ‘dulled’. I was depressed and couldn’t figure out what to do or where to go; it was hopeless; there seemed to be no way out!

“Then these ugly beings came toward me and dragged me deeper into this place. I felt like I was being tormented and bitten by snakes—the snakes of my passions were striking back at me! (*) The beings forced me to go with them and I suddenly found myself in a bar, watching other human beings drink. As they were drinking, these ‘demons’—I don’t know what other word to use—tried to possess their bodies! I tried to tell the people in the bar to stop—stop what they were doing so that they wouldn’t end up like me, but they couldn’t hear me.

“Next these beings dragged me to a fiery pit—all bubbling and smoking. They forced me to look into it and there I saw the consequences of what I had done. My wife and kids were grieving for me—and then they were being thrown out of our house because they had no money to pay the mortgage.

“I screamed and cried to be forgiven for what I had done, and the Lord, in His great Mercy, heard my cry. Suddenly I found myself back in my body—in a great deal of pain, but back in my body. God had given me a second chance!”

(*): The Sioux emphasize that this event should not only be taken as an event in time, but as an eternal truth. Any man who is attached to the senses and to the things of the world, is one who lives in ignorance and is being consumed by snakes which represent his own passions.

HEAVEN OR HELL

The prior scenarios are composites taken from actual experiences of physical humans upon your placement at this time. They are factual life-after-death experiences. The events of the first narrative—a glimpse of a heavenly afterlife—are compiled from true accounts of individuals who have “died” in all Earth monitoring sense, either through accidents or through natural causes, and who later came back to physical life, their souls being reunited with their bodies. The majority of these individuals were not great saints or overly spiritual; they were, on the whole, ordinary humans who were basically “good” and loving, but not perfect or “God-Realized”. They had made plenty of mistakes in their lives, as have you all—as have WE all. And yet, their experiences in the afterlife were very pleasant, if not heavenly, and in general, profoundly affected the individual’s outlook on the meaning of life, love and God in a very positive way.

The events of the second narrative—a glimpse of a hellish afterlife—were taken from actual accounts of individuals who had either tried to commit suicide or had lived rather self-destructive, egotistical and hateful lives; and who were given a second chance at life in order to change their ways. They too were, in general, greatly affected by their death experiences, and in many, if not most cases, changed the way they have been living; specifically, they became more loving and caring, and more mindful of others’ needs. They recognized that they had been living against God’s Law of Love and had been viewed as “rebels” against God on “the other side”.

WHY CONCERN YOURSELF WITH OTHERS’ EXPERIENCES?

You should be very concerned indeed, because within the next few years in your counting, as many as 90% of you living this day may very well be “dead” and therefore, experiencing one or the other of these “afterlives”! As you have seen, the choice really is yours as to which place or “world” you will experience—do you prefer Heaven or Hell? If you are loving and mindful of keeping God’s Laws, “Heaven” awaits you! If you are hateful and destructive, constantly breaking God’s Laws and destroying His Creations—“Hell” awaits you! So be it—the choice is always YOURS.

Let us speak of the prophecies concerning “the End Times” of this Age—what the Hindus call the Kali Age, the Age of Chaos. If it appears I repeat that which I have already given forth, forgive the repetition but I still am bombarded with questions regarding this matter and I shall not move on until the questions are somewhat silenced.

Here we are talking about the end of this system of things—of ego, lies, hatred, violence

and destruction; the end of man’s system and man-made laws, to be replaced by God’s system and God’s laws of Love, Peace, Balance, Unity and Truth.

EARTHLY CONFIRMATIONS

Throughout the aeons, prophets have been announcing “the end of this world age”. Why should you believe that “the Beginning” (for it most surely is not the End) should take place approximately now? To what facts can one point to prove that you are in the Age of Kali, or “ending” times?

TRY THE INDIANS (ANCIENTS)

As I have told you elsewhere, the Indian prophecies, which date back well over 2000 years, are clearly drawn on a rock in Black Mesa, near the “Four Corners Area” of your United States. They predict a time of great destruction. The Indians would know that this time had come and that the great Tribulation/Purification was near when “a gourd of ashes” would be invented. This weapon would be so powerful that, if dropped from the sky, it would be capable of boiling the oceans and burning the land so badly that nothing would be able to grow for many years.

The discovery of this weapon was to trigger the release of certain Indian teachings to the general public; teachings meant to warn the world that a final calamity could bring an end to all life on the planet if the people of the world did not wake up and change their way, and force their leaders to change their direction toward planetary annihilation. This weapon—the gourd of ashes—is considered to be the atomic bomb whose mushroom-shaped cloud also resembles an American Indian gourd.

As the days have ticked away since the bringing forth of the bomb, hundreds of other signs have come into reality. Mt. St. Helens spoke to the Indians, my friends. As a matter of fact in your counting, last week, Mother spoke again as she rumbled through South Dakota and the Earth shook and the ground trembled and called out the warnings.

WHAT OF IMMANUEL JESUS CHRIST?

When asked by his suspicious and frightened disciples as to what would be signs of the end of this Age, Jesus mentioned wars, earthquakes, famines, spewing volcanos, epidemics, false prophets and religious persecutions. Then, as to the last signs, He said:

“And there will be signs in the Sun and Moon and stars... men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”

In this context, the word “heavens” means “celestial powers”, or powers of creation. The original Greek word for “heavens” is “Ourania”, which is also the root word for “uranium”. Rewritten, the passage reads: “and the powers of uranium shall be shaken”. Uranium is shaken to produce atomic power. So the discovery of atomic power and destruction was predicted accurately by Immanuel almost 2000 years ago and was to be viewed as a sign of the ending of the age.

Ah ha! We finally get to show up: “then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven... and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds

of heaven with power and great glory...!”

Do you think it coincidence that the first successful atomic or nuclear fusion test was code-named “Baby Jesus” and that the first successful atomic or nuclear blast was called “The Trinity”?

“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been shortened, no living thing would be alive...”

“Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your head, because your redemption is drawing near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place.” This means the generation in which all of these signs are present.

MISSING LINKS

For you ones who desire to clutch your limits of God unto self and project judgmental opinions, I wish to give you some food for your meditations instead of empty heads and reciting mantras.

You rise up in arms and claim that *AND THEY CALLED HIS NAME IMMANUEL* cannot be right, for in Emmanuel Jesus’ short life there was not time for great and lingering studies in India. And yet the shroud hidden away for almost 2,000 years clearly has the symbol written upon the forehead of the enshrouded flesh. That bloodstain bears the image of the Sanskrit word for God—Om. What would such a symbol be doing on the forehead of the “Christian” Messiah? Could it mean that you don’t have all the story? Or, does it mean that YOU HAVE THE STORY BUT HAVE REJECTED IT?

Why don’t you do a little homework? You are going to find truth and missing portions with answers. There are some glaring holes in the story even if you totally discount *AND THEY CALLED HIS NAME IMMANUEL*. What of this “Pale Prophet”? What of this wondrous illusion that showed up from time to time in the worst of times—in India, South America, North America, Asia, the Middle East, the Far East—and on the spaceship *Phoenix*? What of this one that showed up in the nations of Russia?

Look at a few empty note pages: Why was Jesus not married by an early age—it was Jewish custom to marry even at ages as young as 13 years. Your *Bible* says He was apprenticed to His father Joseph, the carpenter. Further, records indicate that Jesus was absent at the time of His father’s death, which is said to have occurred around Jesus’ 20th year. According to the *Bible*, John the Baptist did not recognize Jesus at first. It should also be remembered that John and Jesus were cousins, and their families lived fairly close to one another. If Jesus had spent all of His life in Nazareth, why, then, did John, his own cousin, not recognize Him? So, how come all these things? You ones who are fanatic in your Biblical belief—how many of you knew this tid-bit? It is in your *Bible*! How you can pronounce another’s judgment when you fail your own testing?

COULD IT BE THERE ARE QUITE A FEW THINGS THAT YOU DO NOT KNOW? WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO LEARN THEM THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE BALANCE AND KNOWLEDGE UPON WHICH TO BASE OPINION IF YOU REFUSE TO LOOK AT INFORMATION BECAUSE YOUR “PREACHER” OR “PRIEST/PRIESTESS” TELLS YOU NOT TO LOOK, LISTEN OR GO WITHIN AND “FEEL”? THEY TELL

YOU NOT TO INQUIRE AND SEE—FOR THEY KNOW INNATELY THAT YOU WILL TURN AWAY FROM THEM AND THEIR BIGOTED, FANATICAL FALSENESS. YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND THE MARK OF THE BEAST COMING FORTH IN EFFORT TO KEEP YOU FROM “THE WORD”. WE OF THE LIGHT INVITE YOU TO CLEAR YOUR SPACE, ASK FOR INSIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING—AND READ, SEE AND TOUCH IT ALL THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW TRUTH!

You have just revealed the evil taint within, the moment you effort to stop another’s truth from viewing—under any circumstance. TRUTH INSISTS UPON BEING HEARD FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE DEEPEST OCEANS TO THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN PEAKS. IT DOES NOT HIDE BEHIND ACCUSATIONS OF “PILFERING”, “CLAIMS OF SINGULAR OWNERSHIP OF INFORMATION” OR BLATANT AND FOOLISH PROCLAMATIONS. **SECRECY AND LIMITS OF SECRET SOCIETIES ARE TOOLS OF SATAN HIMSELF.**

We have continually told this scribe that she would be attacked, attacked and attacked again. We have told her it would be most painful indeed as attention came into her consciousness of WHO would be the ones who would ultimately denounce her after first telling her that her work was perfection. These very ones warned her at onset of the work in August of 1987, that those she perceived to be “friends” would turn away and it would break of her heart—but it must not break of her spirit.

You ones within the group of readers must know that these latest blows unto her have been most critical, for her spirit is sorely tried. It is most serious indeed and as you ones who are close tend to tease and discount, you must be patient, for her heart is truly damaged.

ALL IS BUT ONE

You ones continue to draw sides and war over whose truth is truth. Well, let us understand something right now, before we go further—you have free-will to choose up your own set of truths and I honor them—THAT DOES NOT MAKE YOUR TRUTHS TO BE TRUTH! PONDER IT!

When we tell you that Issa, Esa, Esu, Immanuel, Immanuel, Hesus, Emmenauel, White Buffalo Calf Woman, Standing Bear, Buddha, Quetzalcoatl, etc., etc., etc., are ALL THE ONE, YOU MUST BEGIN TO REALIZE IT IS TRUTH AND STOP CRUCIFYING HIM OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

WHAT OF LEGENDS?

Many accounts of the travels of Jesus were a result of visions that man projected. But from where did these visions originate? They came from “The Book of God’s Remembrance”, or the “Akashic Records”, “Akasha” being Sanskrit meaning “Primary substance”, or the Spirit of God, as the origin of all things is God.

There are, however, accounts of this “Christ’s” travels that do not rely on visions. And if Jesus did travel through and about the lands, would there not be folk legends or accounts of His travels and visits, or at least references to Him somewhere in those countries? The answer, of course, is emphatically—YES!

The oldest reference to “Jesus” can be found in a set of Hindu scriptures called *THE SHRIMAD BHAGAVATAM*, which has been described as “the fruit of the Vedas and Upanishads” and “the embodiment of the Lord Himself” in this age—the Kali Age, the Age of Chaos, or End Times. *THE SHRIMAD BHAGAVATAM* is similar to the Judeo-Christian *Bible* in that it recounts the lives of great saints and sages as well as the teachings of the Lord Himself throughout the ages. It accurately chronicles historical events such as the creation of the universe and this world, and the Great Flood that covered the Earth, the only difference being that this account of the flood is at least 1000 years older than the account of Noah found in the *Bible*! By golly, it appears that the energies of higher Source “pilfered” man’s personal writings even back before “Creation”.

It also contains a section remarkably similar to the lines of kings and rulers found in *Daniel* of the *Old Testament*. Of course the kings and the duration of their rule mentioned here refers to India, but it is every bit as accurate, historically, as is Daniel’s with regards to Middle Eastern rulers.

The birth and life of the Lord as Shri Krishna (oh, ee-gads) is recounted as well as the prophecies and predictions that preceded His coming at that time. (I’m sorry, chelas, but you are going to get truth spread before you—it matters not what garbage you have been previously fed.) Also prophesied is the birth of the Lord as the Buddha (oh, faint!) including the area in which the Lord would be born: “When Kali (the age of chaos) sets in, He (the Lord) will be born in Magadha (North Bihar, India) as Buddha with a view to deluding the enemies of God”. Lord Buddha was indeed born in 563 B.C. in ancient Kapilavatthu, which lay in North Bihar, India—Sorry!

There are other prophecies concerning the Lord’s incarnation during the Kali Age. IT STATES THAT THE LORD WOULD COME AGAIN AND THAT THIS TIME HE WOULD BE FOLLOWED MOSTLY BY THE POOR AND FISHERMEN, AND THAT THE DEVOTEES WOULD BE THE ONES WHO WOULD INITIALLY SPREAD THE WORDS OF TRUTH:

“People in that age (the Age of Kali and the time of Christ’s coming) turn out to be greedy, immoral and merciless, enter into hostility without cause and are unlucky and extremely covetous. (I would guess that is a pretty accurate description of the rulers at that time!) The Sudras (lower classes or poor laborers), fishermen, and the like take the lead. Ah yes, poor Simon Peter.

It must be recalled that most of the very early followers of Jesus were the humble of lower classes as described by society standards. They flocked around Him, for He gave them hope of a brighter future. It should also be remembered that Jesus’ closest disciples were mostly fisherman, including Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John, among others—poor weary Peter, always destined to be “fisher of men”.

Throughout the *SHRIMAD BHAGAVATAM* the word “Isa” is found. “Isa” means “God” or “Lord of Created Beings”. It is interesting to note that the Moslems, who believe Jesus was a great prophet, call Him “Isa”. Coincidence?

The Buddha, too, foretold of the future incarnation of God on Earth. When He was about to leave this physical plane, His disciple tearfully said to Him, “Who shall teach us when thou art gone?” And Lord Buddha replied:

“I am not the first Buddha (enlightened one—avatar—Son of God) who came upon Earth, nor shall I be the last. In due time another Buddha will arise in the world, a Holy One, a supremely enlightened One, endowed with wisdom in conduct, auspicious, knowing the universe, an incomparable leader of men, a master of angels and mortals. He will reveal to you the same eternal truths which I have taught you. He will preach His religion, glorious in its origin, glorious at the climax and glorious at the goal, in the spirit and in the letter. He will proclaim a religious life, wholly perfect and pure; such as I now proclaim.”

The disciple asked, “How shall we know Him?”

And the Buddha said, “He will be known as Metteyya, which means ‘He whose name is kindness and wonderful’.”

Was He talking about Emmanuel Jesus (and his name shall be called “Wonderful”)? Well, it is most interesting that Jesus has been described as the embodiment of compassion, kindness and Divine Love. In artwork He is frequently shown pointing to His Sacred Heart—the symbol of kindness and Divine Love. This, coupled with the fact that His followers were to be fishermen, certainly gives some weight to the possibility that Lord Buddha was referring to Emmanuel, the Pale Prophet.

EVEN THE BUDDHISTS RECOGNIZED THE ENTITY

You who “would rather perish than be Buddhist” better harken up. After hearing Jesus speak, the Buddhist priests themselves recognized Jesus as being “The Holy One”, the reincarnation of the Lord whose advent had been prophesied by Lord Buddha almost 600 years earlier!

“Now, Vidyapati, wisest of the Indian sages, chief of the Buddhist temple heard the Hebrew prophet, and he said:

‘You priests, hear me speak: We stand today upon a crest of time. Six times ago (six centuries ago) a master soul (Lord Buddha) was born who gave a glory Light to man, and now a master sage stands here in the temple...

‘This Hebrew prophet is the rising star of wisdom, deified. He brings us a knowledge of the secret things of God; and all the world will hear His words, will heed His words, and glorify His name. You priests of the temple, stay! Be still and listen when He speaks; He is the Living Oracle of God.’”

“And all the priests gave thanks and praised the Buddha of Enlightenment (“Jesus” Emmanuel Christ).”

Dharma, let us have a break please, before we move further into the legend, for it is most important indeed that ones realize a continuing thread beyond *AND THEY CALLED HIS NAME IMMANUEL*. If you recall as we left off it was noted that in his continuing travels he was not known as Jesus (which actually he was not in Galilee), but rather, Isa (Issa, Esu, etc., you can look back as I shall not repeat it herein). Remarkable! The threads are all there if you but look—and we cannot cause you to look unless we refer to documents and histories already in placement upon your world. I shall no longer sit quiet while arrows of accusations are slung against my Commander and Master Guide. TRUTH AND THE WORD ARE HIS NAME—AND SANANDA (GOD) IS HIS LABEL. HOW DAREST ONES UPON THIS WONDROUS CREATION CAST

ACCUSATIONS OF DARKNESS AND THIEVERY UPON HIS PERFECTION? TAKE CARE THAT YE NOT BE FOUND STANDING AT THE DOOR WITHOUT THY CREDENTIALS FOR ENTRY. SO BE IT, FOR THE WISE ENOUGH TO HEAR AND SEE. YOU WHO THINK YOURSELVES SO FILLED WITH GREAT AUTHORITY AND WISDOM ARE IN NO-WISE, WISE; INDEED YOU ARE MOST FOOLISH OF ALL MANKIND. SALU!—HATONN

CHAPTER 19

REC #2 HATONN

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LEGEND OF SAINT ISSA

The most explicit account of Jesus' travels throughout India and other lands is found in a Buddhist manuscript called *THE LEGEND OF SAINT ISSA*. I shall not reference the works of Judas Iscarioth during the travels, for so many of the Earth manuscripts were destroyed by fire, as the priest having found them and translated them had placed them in a wall of his dwelling; the dwelling was burned to the ground by the Israelis as the man fled with his family—but that is another story.

There is ample writing which will suffice. "Issa" is the same as Isa, or "Jesus", which dates back to the First Century A.D., making it older than the accounts of the *New Testament*, and in which Issa, "or Jesus" is described as the one "... whom the Buddha had elected to spread His holy word...".

Probably the first "Westerner" to hear about the manuscript was a Russian explorer named Nicolas Notovitch. Notovitch had traveled extensively throughout India, Afghanistan and Tibet in the late 1800s and heard about the legend and the manuscript during his travels. He decided to check out the legend and journeyed to a Buddhist monastery called Himis in Leh, Ledak, formerly part of Tibet, now the northernmost part of India. The original manuscript was written in the ancient Pali language, and had been brought to Tibet from India.

The legend of Saint Issa closely paralleled the life of Emmanuel, including His torture and crucifixion, but also covered portions of the history of missing information. The manuscript was adjusted to fit into the needs of the scholars of the day who placed the time of experience during the time of Esu's early life—for the widespread and lingering pronouncement was that after the Emmanuel ascended He was not known again in physical form. The discrepancy has been a burdensome problem to scholars in their efforts to make the pieces fit into the proper sequence. You ones must always keep in mind that there were no televisions, telephones, telegraphs—only tell-another, and great distances via hard foot-travel was the mode of transportation of the day. It was most easy indeed to have false stories brought forth in confusion—after all "death is death is death".

Convinced of the authenticity of the manuscript, Notovitch wrote a book on his travels and the legend of St. Issa which included a translation of the original manuscript.

Thirty-five years later, in 1922, Swami Abhedananda, a follower of one of the greatest saints to have lived on Earth—Sri Ramakrishna—also traveled to

Himis to see the manuscript for himself. He, too, was convinced of its authenticity and wrote about it in his book called *KASHMIRI O. TIBBETTI*.

The legend of St. Issa opens with these words:

"The Earth trembled and the heavens wept, because of the great crime committed in the land of Israel.

"For there was tortured and murdered the great and just Issa, in whom was manifest the soul of the Universe;

"Which had incarnated in a simple mortal, to benefit men and destroy the evil spirit in them;

"To lead back to peace, love and happiness, man, degraded by his sins, and recall him to the one and indivisible Creator whose mercy is infinite..."

Even then, dear ones, man did not "begin" his books with the "ending".

The legend goes on to give accounts brought by merchants from Israel on what had happened. It follows the people of Israel through their troubles, first with the Pharaohs of Egypt and their subsequent deliverance by Mossa (Moses), and then by the Pagans from the land of Romeles (Rome). It explains that the hardships that the Israelites suffered were due to their own sins in forgetting the laws of God and cleaving, instead, to sensual pleasures and the laws of mortal men. Because of their sufferings the people again began to remember and pray to the One and only God to hear them, forgive them, and deliver them from their distress. He did! The legend continues:

"At that time the moment had come for the compassionate Judge to re-incarnate in human form; and the eternal Spirit, resting in a state of complete inaction and supreme bliss, awakened and separated from the eternal Being for an undetermined period, so that, in human form, He might teach man to identify himself with the Divinity and attain to eternal felicity; and to show, by His example, how man can attain moral purity and free his soul from the domination of the physical senses, so that it may achieve the perfection necessary for it to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, which is immutable and where the bliss eternal reigns.

"Soon after, a marvelous child was born in the land of Israel. God Himself spoke, through the mouth of this child, of the miseries of the body and the grandeur of the soul. The divine child, to whom the name Issa was given, commenced in His tender years, to talk of the only and indivisible God, exhorting the strayed souls to repent and purify themselves from the sins of which they had become guilty.

"People came from all parts to hear Him, and marveled at the discourses which came from His infantile mouth; and all Israel agreed that the Spirit of the Eternal dwelt in this child."

The legend goes on to say that Issa or Jesus left His parents' home at age thirteen and traveled toward India, "with the object of perfecting Himself in the Knowledge of the Word of God and the study of the laws of the great Buddhas (enlightened ones)."

Herein the story is incorrect in perfection of sequence. Issa was first taken unto the heavenly places where he was enlightened by the Celestial Sons and Cohans. His lessons were most intense indeed—THEN he was delivered unto the place of India where he spent several years in Jaggannath, in Radjugriha, in Benares and in other holy cities, first studying and later teaching and expounding upon the *Vedas*—the world's oldest holy scriptures—to all members of society.

Here, as in Israel, the young teacher aroused the anger of certain orthodox Brahmin priests who had saying that all men were not equal in God's eyes and that some, the Sudras, or members of the "lowest" caste, were unworthy even to hear the Lord's words, much less read them. Jesus denounced this false doctrine of inequality and warned the priests to beware of perverting the purpose behind God's Great Plan. He admonished them to return to the Truth and to re-examine God's teachings, regarding the caste system. We shall also examine the caste system. We shall look into the origin, purpose and function of the caste system in society in order to clear up any misconceptions and misunderstandings about it and the equality of all people. We will also examine the universal Truths that are found in unadulterated scriptures of all of the major religions of the world, as confirmed by Jesus in His travels throughout India, Tibet, Persia, Greece, Egypt and Palestine. We will also look into the various prophecies of the major religions so as to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that these are the Beginning/Ending times of a great cycle.

Much of the restructuring of the tale of Issa's travels are confused because in the translation it had to be considered that the tales of Issa had to have occurred in the time of his youth due to his untimely physical death by crucifixion. Do you understand that this is the beginning of the crucifixion of truth? Man began to rearrange the sequence to suit the assumed rumors.

There is a great difference in the boy who went to study with and share truth with the great Eastern Masters—and the man who later traveled mostly anonymously about the land. After leaving the Holy lands and joining with his mother Mary, his brother Thomas and disciple Judas Iscarioth, he traveled to North India. During that time he preached in many countries and often had to flee, because his speeches were revolutionary. That is why his journey to India took several years and was connected with unspeakable hardship—he found it very little different in evil to the lands he had just departed.

In the country which today you label Pakistan, far up in the North near the last foothills of the Western Himilayan Mountains, his beloved mother transcended. After her departure he, Issa Immanuel, moved on and crossed the part of India today called Cashmere, in order to further teach. He traveled at length through what is today called by you ones, Afganistan and West Pakistan. He went specifically to this place, partially to seek safety, for ten of the Israeli tribes had migrated from Israel and settled in that region.

Dharma, release this please as I have other for your attention. When we return to the *Journal* we shall speak of your own "nature" and share some thoughts by great masters such as Mother Nature (White Buffalo Cow Woman) and Lord Krishna, etc., and look at what they really said and meant and what man has ripped asunder. So be it. Go in Peace, for I keep you close in my care.

Salu, and good-day.—I AM HATONN OF LIGHT
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The News Desk

By John & Jean Ray

THE DUTY OF LYING

By Joseph Sobran, *Lew Rockwell.com*, 03/15/02

Wartime always brings expansions of state power, together with erosions of moral and constitutional standards. No sooner had the 9/11 attacks occurred than the Federal Government started assuming new powers and abridging old freedoms in the name of national security. And voices in the press were quick not only to defend these measures, but to call for even more of them.

Last fall an essay in the *Wall Street Journal* pointed out that Presidents Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, and Franklin Roosevelt had, during wartime, grossly violated the *Constitution* they were sworn to uphold. Was the author warning that a new war might also endanger constitutional law? No! On the contrary, he was arguing that the “war on terrorism” might also justify violations of the *Constitution* like those of these three “great” presidents. Past violations serve as precedents for new violations.

Of course this begs the question by assuming that a president who disregards his oath of office can deserve to be called “great.” From a constitutional point of view, by the measures of limited government, personal freedom, and the rule of law, Lincoln, Wilson, and Roosevelt were our three worst presidents.

Oddly enough, the arguments for lower moral and constitutional standards in wartime are coming not from the liberal and socialist media, but from the allegedly “conservative” press, which you might expect to defend the *Constitution*, the rule of law, and basic morality. *The Weekly Standard* has all but endorsed the use of torture against enemies—not just to extract information, but to inflict punishment. *National Review* has run several articles calling for toppling foreign governments and for assassinating foreign rulers.

Now the *Journal* has weighed in again with a piece by Joseph E. Persico arguing the merits of government lying during wartime. He offers as a model the lies Roosevelt used against Germany during World War II. Persico plays down the fact that Roosevelt didn’t just plant lies to fool the Germans during the war; he lied to Americans to draw them into the war in the first place! His first lie was his oath of office, which he never intended to honor. And he never stopped lying.

Not that Persico seems to mind; he thinks lying in whatever he deems a good cause is a positive virtue. Another of his heroic liars is Winston Churchill, who forged documents to convince Roosevelt that the Germans had designs in the Western Hemisphere. He even supplied “proof” that “the Germans already had 5,000 troops in Brazil poised to threaten the Panama Canal”.

“It was all a tissue of lies fabricated by the British,” Persico writes. “But Roosevelt was not about to scrutinize to death intelligence that would help him lead American public opinion along the course he wanted, war against Germany.” Roosevelt cited this “intelligence” in his speeches and fireside chats. These lies were welcome to his ears, and he gladly relayed them to Americans who trusted their president to tell them the truth. After all, their lives and their sons’ lives were at stake.

In retrospect, and after six decades, you might think people would draw the lesson that “democracy” and “self-government” are meaningless if government officials can deceive the electorate in such vital matters. After all, aren’t “We the People” supposed to be making the big decisions, on the basis of accurate information?

Maybe honorable people do draw this lesson. But the lesson drawn by the *Wall Street Journal* is just the opposite: that lying to the public can be a legitimate and desirable government policy—even a governmental duty.

And if lying to the public—in a good cause, of course—can be a right and duty of government, may it not also be a right and duty of journalists? Isn’t it the patriotic duty of journalists to support and if possible assist their government in wartime?

Last week we learned that a *Journal* reporter had been horribly murdered by terrorists in Pakistan. This was a shocking violation of the immunity journalists are traditionally entitled to as noncombatants whose role is to report facts honestly and impartially. Is it possible that the killers of Daniel Pearl saw him not as a noncombatant, but as an active agent of the U.S. Government? Nothing can excuse or justify such savagery, but compromising the neutrality of journalists could furnish it with a deadly pretext.

[JR: We are being lied to again by Bush about the countries he and his advisors are targeting. With little effort on their part, we rallied to support the war of “Enduring Freedom”, never asking the questions as to why.]

THE WAR ON DISSENT WIDENS

By Jim Lobe, *AlterNet.org*, 03/16/02

A powerful group of neo-conservatives is launching a new public relations campaign in support of President George W. Bush’s war on terrorism.

At a Tuesday gathering of the National Press Club, members of the new Americans for Victory Over Terrorism (AVOT) declared their intention to “take to task those groups and individuals who fundamentally misunderstand the nature of the war we are facing.”

Those groups and individuals, AVOT claims, need to be resisted both here and abroad. A full-page AVOT advertisement carried in the March 10 Sunday *New York Times* pointed to radical Islam as “an enemy no less dangerous and no less determined than the twin menaces of fascism and communism we faced in the 20th Century”. At the same time, the \$128,000 ad lambasted those at home “who are attempting to use this opportunity to promulgate their agenda of ‘blame America first’”.

“Both [internal and external] threats,” the ad continues, “stem from either a hatred for the American ideals of freedom and equality or a misunderstanding of those ideals and their practice.”

To expose the internal “threats,” AVOT has compiled a sample list of statements by professors, legislators, authors and columnists that it finds objectionable. The strategy appears similar to an earlier, much-criticized effort to monitor war dissidents by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), a group founded by Lynne Cheney, the wife

of Vice President Dick Cheney, and neo-conservative Democratic Senator Joseph Lieberman.

AVOT’s list of speakers it considers threatening include:

- Congresswoman Maxine Waters, who said, “Some of us, maybe foolishly, gave this president the authority to go after terrorists. We didn’t know that he, too, was going to go crazy with it.”

- President Jimmy Carter, who assailed Bush’s use of the phrase “axis of evil,” arguing that it was “overly simplistic and counter-productive”.

- Congressman Dennis Kucinich, who accused the president of “canceling, in effect, the *First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Amendments*” and called the war “the patriot games, the lying games, the war games of an unelected president”.

- *American Prospect* editor Robert Kuttner criticizing “Bush’s dismal domestic policies” and his “dubious notion of a permanent war”.

- Lewis Lapham, the editor of *Harper’s Magazine*, who in a recent editorial said that Washington itself has used terrorist tactics during the 1990s, including the bombing of civilian targets in Baghdad and the Balkans.

Who exactly is behind AVOT’s efforts? The newly-formed organization is headed by a formidable array of right-wing luminaries. At the top of the list is former Secretary of Education and drug czar William Bennett, AVOT’s chairman. The group’s Senior Advisors include former CIA director R. James Woolsey; former Reagan Pentagon official Frank Gaffney; William P. Barr, attorney general under George Bush, Sr.; and mega-political donor Lawrence Kadish. AVOT is a project of Empower America—also co-chaired by Bennett—whose principal members include conservative political operatives Jeane Kirkpatrick, Jack Kemp, Vin Weber and William Cohen.

During the press conference, Bennett insisted that, “We do not wish to silence people,” adding that for now, AVOT plans to hold teach-ins and public education events, particularly on college campuses.

In response to AVOT’s criticism, *Harper’s* Lewis Lapham said Bennett is a “wrong-headed jingo and an intolerant scold”. He added that AVOT appeared to be a new “front organization for the hard neo-con (neo-conservative) right,” which has gained unprecedented influence in the Bush administration, particularly among the top political appointees in the Pentagon and Dick Cheney’s office. “This is the war-monger crowd,” he said.

Indeed, AVOT is being initially funded primarily by Lawrence Kadish, chairman of the Republican Jewish Coalition (RJC) and a top donor to the Republican Party. Kadish, a real estate investor in New York and Florida, was cited by *Mother Jones Magazine* as one of the country’s top individual donors, having given \$532,000 to the GOP. His RJC has long tried to build links between the Republican Party, including its Christian Right component, and American Jews.

Bennett, Gaffney, and Woolsey are all veteran members of a neo-conservative network of groups with overlapping boards of directors that have long championed rightwing governments in Israel and, among other things, urged strong U.S. action against both Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the Islamic government in Iran, as well as Palestine Authority President Yasser Arafat.

Both Gaffney and Bennett, for example, were two of about three dozen mainly neo-conservative signers of an open letter sent to Bush in the name of the “Project for a New American Century” nine days after the Sept. 11 attacks. It called not only for the destruction of Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaida network, but also to extend the war to Iraq, and possibly to Iran, Syria, Lebanon and

the Palestine Authority unless those nations ceased their alleged support of terrorist groups opposed to Israel....

AVOT is also linked through many channels to Richard Perle, chair of the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board (which sent Woolsey on his Iraqi quest). Perle, like Jeane Kirkpatrick, perches full time at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), a neo-con think-tank that has emerged as the hub of an "axis of incitement"—a small but potent network of like-minded, ultra-hawkish officials, analysts and opinion-makers. It appears that AVOT is the latest institutional offspring of that network, which is united by a passionate belief in the inherent goodness and redemptive mission of the United States; the moral cowardice of liberals and European elites; the existential necessity of supporting Israel in the shadow of the Holocaust and in the face of Arab hostility; and the primacy of military power.

These beliefs came through clearly at Tuesday's press conference. Woolsey, for example, told reporters he agreed with those who are "calling the war we're in now World War IV." But Gaffney was the most strident of the speakers at the event, saying that we should be skeptical of our "new-found friends" in the war on terror.

"[We must] pay special attention to friends like Saudi Arabia and Egypt whose ongoing use of media are creating problems for our allies," (implying Israel), Gaffney said. Any criticism of the administration's conduct of the war, he added, could be "interpreted in such a way as to hurt national resolve... (and) embolden the enemy."

[JR: AVOT is a program that will reeducate us to a new America. We will be conditioned to accept America as a socialistic state run by Israel to promote its Zionist agenda for world domination. The war on terrorism is the capstone and the means by which this will be accomplished. The AVOT members have been and are avid supporters of Israel and also CFR and Tri-Lat members. Not one of them bears any responsibility to protect America or its citizens. They have become so emboldened and are now deeply entrenched in the Bush Administration and are enforcing our aggressive and hostile foreign policy. They will elevate themselves as the conscience of the new America and promote its New-World-Order way of thinking. Others' points of view or criticism will not be tolerated and there will be no debates. AVOT and its leadership is motivated by intolerance and indifference, and like Lenin and his followers they believe that only through force do you achieve your goals. This is how the Bolsheviks took over Russia and brought it to its knees. The masks of deception are off... now they are going to do it to the world.]

CHENEY CALLS MIDEAST PEACE NECESSARY

By Tom Raum, *Yahoo News*, 03/18/02

JERUSALEM (AP)—Vice President Dick Cheney joined forces Monday with special envoy Anthony Zinni in turning up U.S. pressure for an elusive Israeli-Palestinian cease-fire.

"Peace is not only possible, but necessary," Cheney said standing along side Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon....

Cheney, nearing the end of an 11-nation tour of the Middle East, called on both Israelis and Palestinians to do more to achieve a cease-fire that could lead to a lasting peace.

He said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat should make a "100-percent effort" to end terrorism by

Palestinians. And, Cheney said, "I will be talking to Prime Minister Sharon about steps Israel can take to eliminate devastating hardships experienced by innocent men, women and children."...

Terrorism against Israelis, Sharon said, "knows no mercy."

"I have in the past declared that in order to achieve a real, just and durable peace, I would be willing to make painful compromises," Sharon said.

"But we cannot make any compromise on the security of our citizens and their right to live without the threat of terrorism and violence."...

Cheney came to Israel from Kuwait, the final of nine Arab states he has visited. He carried a request from Arab leaders that he push the Israelis to allow Arafat to attend an Arab summit in Beirut, Lebanon, later this month....

A Palestinian spokesman, Yasser Abed Rabbo, said no Palestinian leader other than Arafat would meet with the vice president. "And so there will be no meeting with Cheney unless there is an official meeting with President Arafat," he said....

Although Sharon recently lifted some travel restrictions on the Palestinian leader, he has yet to say if he will permit Arafat to attend the Arab conclave....

As had Arab leaders at the earlier stops, Sheik Sabah rebuffed a U.S. bid for a stronger stand against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and said Kuwait would not support military action against its neighbor.

"Not because Iraq is a friend of Kuwait, but because present circumstances are not suitable... and the Iraqi regime will not be harmed but Iraqi people will," he said.

Echoing other leaders in the region, Sabah said he preferred to increase the pressure on Saddam to permit the return of UN weapons inspectors.

Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan was quoted Monday as saying Iraq will not allow inspectors to return "unless the sites meant for inspection are defined and a timetable that cannot be extended is set to end the work." He made the remarks in an interview with the Saudi-owned newspaper *Asharq al-Awsat*, based in London....

During his trip to the region, Cheney has sought to build support for a wider, post-Afghanistan war on terrorism, including a stronger stance on Iraq. But he encountered near-unanimous opposition everywhere he went to military action against Saddam.

Arab leaders on his trip were more interested in talking about the Israeli-Palestinian violence, the vice president said.

The conflict "is a preoccupation for everybody in this part of the world," he said at a news conference in Manama, Bahrain.

With Cheney winding up his Arab tour, Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah accepted an invitation to visit President Bush....

The United States views Saudi Arabia as a key player—both in efforts to get Middle East peace talks back on track and on the Iraq issue.

Abdullah is the author of a peace proposal that is gaining momentum across the Arab world and has drawn some interest in Israel.

The plan would offer Israel full diplomatic recognition by all Arab states in exchange for Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands it seized in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

[JR: There is little support in the Middle East for America's expansion of the war to attack Iraq. How we can tip the scale in our favor, I wouldn't venture a guess. If our true aim were to bring stability to the region, we would emphatically support the Saudi peace plan for Palestine. It

might afford us the opportunity to work out a fair agreement with the Arab countries to defuse the tensions and to work together to find a peaceful solution to the Iraqi problem. This reasonable approach would best serve the Iraqi people and would add to America's credibility and sincerity as a peacemaker. Of course this plan would not acceptable by the Zionists who control our U.S. government. Let's all make like doves and coo (call) for peace!]

CHENEY COULD STILL MEET WITH ARAFAT

UPI, 03/19/02

JERUSALEM—U.S. Vice President Richard Cheney on Tuesday said he could return to the region as soon as the next few days for a possible meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Cheney later traveled to Turkey—the 11th country on his current tour of the region to drum up support for a possible escalation of the war on terrorism to Iraq. However, Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said that Cheney said, "clearly that there will not be an operation against Iraq in the foreseeable future".

The U.S. vice president reportedly met with limited success on the primary reason for the trip. Often the host countries have said, much as a diplomat told *United Press International* that Turkey would have said, that the United States could use its bases for such an assault but could not count on troops from Turkey for the conflict.

As a gesture, Cheney has said \$228 million will be granted for Turkey for troops in Afghanistan as they prepare for a larger role in peacekeeping duties in the country....

The Cheney stop in Israel Monday and Tuesday included talks regarding conflicts in Israel and the Palestinian territories and coincided with the visit to the region of U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni. While the vice president talked with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Zinni was with Arafat.

The Palestinians said no one from the Palestinian Authority would meet with Cheney, who has followed the lead of President Bush in refusing to sit down with Arafat unless the PA leader was involved.

Cheney explained, "We wanted him (Arafat) to make an all-out effort to support an end to the violence before we agree to meet with him."

That means Cheney would sit down with Arafat if the Palestinian met the terms of a peace plan set out by CIA Director George Tenet.

The Tenet plan was negotiated in June 2001. It says Israel and the Palestinian Authority would immediately resume security cooperation, enforce "strict adherence" to a cease-fire and "move aggressively" to prevent attacks from their areas. The work plan was supposed to create the conditions for implementing the Mitchell recommendations....

"The key element is that Tenet must be implemented in the eyes of General Zinni... in order for the meeting to take place," the vice president said.

At a news conference with Cheney, Sharon said Arafat would be allowed to travel next week to an Arab summit in Lebanon. However, Sharon added Arafat might not be allowed to return if he incited violence.

Sharon said: "If there will be harsh terror attacks here, during his absence, and if his appearance (in Beirut) will be a show of inciting speeches... the Cabinet will convene and have to take a decision. I do not rule out any possibility."

The United States has been pressing both sides

to implement the Tenet work plan and the subsequent Mitchell recommendations....

The vice president also said he expressed his appreciation that the Israeli army Monday night pulled out of the fully autonomous Palestinian areas in the West Bank and from the northern Gaza Strip, areas it seized in its latest sweep of cities and refugee camps.

Sharon said his government decided to make every effort to immediately launch the Tenet work plan, wants to implement the Mitchell recommendations and, "eventually we want to reach political negotiations that I hope, God willing, will eventually bring us peace".

So far there is no cease-fire and attacks have continued. An Israeli officer was killed and three soldiers were injured Tuesday in an attack in the Jordan Valley. The Israelis foiled several attacks in the Gaza Strip and in the Galilee, killing four militants and arresting others.

Cheney insisted, "The Tenet work plan requires the 100-percent effort by Chairman Arafat to stop the violence and terror and I would expect the 100-percent effort to begin immediately."

Arafat should "speak to his own people personally" about ending violence and terrorism, issue clear instructions to his security services to enforce the cease-fire and closely follow up these efforts to ensure implementation, the vice president added.

Cheney and Sharon were very reserved in discussing the Iraqi situation. The vice president said they discussed "cooperation in the war against global terror and our shared concern about the spread of weapons of mass destruction."

He noted Iraq has chemical weapons, used biological weapons and is pursuing nuclear weapons, but would not say what the administration planned to do about it.

Sharon said, "We will support and back any American decision when it will come to phase B or any other phase in the struggle against terror," he said.

He dodged a question on how Israel would react to an Iraqi attack. During the 1991 Gulf War, Iraq fired 39 Scud missiles at Israel.

"We discussed all those issues and I think that both sides know exactly if something like that will occur what we are going to do," the Prime Minister said.

[JR: Well Cheney didn't forget to bring the U.S. checkbook on his tour to pay off Turkey for its participation in Afghanistan. If the U.S. expects Turkey's support against Iraq, she may reconsider if we allocate those billions we held back when Prime Minister Ecevit met with Bush a few months ago. Why didn't V.P. Cheney extend his stay in Israel to secure a workable program to begin the new peace process? Was it a matter of urgency that Cheney's return to the U.S. to report the unexpected negative response among the Arab nations or to convey Sharon's latest demands to the U.S.? The U.S.'s position of appeasement towards Israel was obvious with Cheney's ingratiating expression of gratitude for the Israeli pullout of the West Bank. Cheney's strong advice to Arafat should also have applied to Sharon but it didn't, as far as we know. Sharon means to follow through with his warnings and threats to Arafat regarding his possible exile should he displease Sharon. Sharon's strategy to depose Arafat is backed by a statement he made on 1/31/02 that he regretted not killing Arafat in 1982. If Arafat is removed, it will leave a vacuum in the Palestinian leadership which the U.S. and Israel are ready to fill. As far as Iraq: You can count on Israel's support, participation and possible invasion!]

BENEFIT OF ISRAEL'S ACTIONS IN RAMALLAH UNCLEAR

By Christine Spolar, *Tribune*, 03/17/02

JERUSALEM—When Israel launched its largest military offensive in 20 years and stormed into the West Bank city of Ramallah, a center of Palestinian culture and commerce, Israel's top general quietly argued that there was more to his mission than turning towns upside down in search of terrorists.

Israel was intent on achieving a "psychological victory", Chief of Staff Shaul Mofaz reportedly told Knesset members and commentators last week. It was a chance, he said, to so weaken the Palestinian will and organization that Israel could claim a distinct advantage when the two sides would have to talk peace with U.S. special envoy Anthony Zinni.

Yet Israeli gains from the operation remain unclear.

By the time Zinni touched down, Israel was smarting from a public rebuke by President Bush for "unhelpful" invasions and from a vote by the UN Security Council that, for the first time, endorsed a region where "two states, Israel and Palestine, live side-by-side within secure and recognized borders".

Even then, it was hard for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to try another tack. Events on Thursday illustrated his reluctance to call off the troops even when force clearly would earn him no diplomatic favor.

Thursday morning, government sources said troops in Ramallah had been recalled, a claim that the army quickly refuted. A short time later, Israeli diplomatic sources declared an end to the siege of Ramallah, another claim that proved untrue. An hour before Zinni arrived in Jerusalem, the government said the withdrawal had begun. It had not.

Only late Thursday, when Zinni told Sharon bluntly that the U.S. demanded Israel remove its forces from Palestinian-controlled territory, did Sharon act, Western sources said. It was at midnight, eight hours after the first word of withdrawal was put out, that a withdrawal really began, sources said.

Counterterrorism analyst Boaz Ganor suggested that the use of military force was all part of a blunt "cost-benefit analysis" of how to manage Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Psychological advantage was a factor in the military attacks, he said, but equally important was finding a way to discourage Arafat from sanctioning terrorism.

"It was clear to Israeli decision-makers that they couldn't diminish the capability of the terrorists this way," said Ganor, director of the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism. "But they could deliver a message to terrorists and those who support the terrorists: We are capable and, if we want, we can find you. Whether that really works to stop terrorism, I don't have any high hopes. But it clearly delivered a message."

For 17 months, Israel has been embroiled in a cycle of violence. In the past month, reprisal led to reprisal, edging the country toward all-out war.

The period since the recent Israeli incursions began has been especially bloody, claiming at least 190 Palestinian and 60 Israeli lives. Another extraordinary product of the conflict was that the Israeli army had positioned 20,000 troops in the West Bank and Gaza in the largest operation since the 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

There was little debate among analysts over what spurred the buildup. With the upswing of attacks, Sharon felt pressure to respond to an

increasingly anxious public that wanted something done to ensure safety.

He ordered that refugee camps, the cinder-block compounds that rose up after the Arab-Israeli war of 1948, be targeted by the Israeli army. It was a surprising move for two reasons. The camps were seen as off-limits because of potential political backlash, and it was feared that incursions on the camps would result in costly Israeli casualties....

Still, there were questions about the effectiveness of the raids. Hundreds of small weapons were seized and about 20 weapons labs. But so were hundreds of Palestinian men who apparently had no link to attacks on Israelis. The number of suspected terrorists found, out of all the hundreds of Palestinians, amounted to no more than 10 arrests, according to intelligence sources....

Other observers said the incursions were driving home a message to the Palestinians—albeit bluntly—that its leadership could no longer delay getting back to the negotiating table. Strong supporters of the policy said the Israeli incursion, decried by some as overbearing, could be seen as restrained....

"And the question now is: Will the Zinni mission be used to de-escalate?" Lerman said.

The Bush administration clearly became alarmed by the escalation of the Israeli assaults. Nonetheless, its announcement that Zinni, who has failed twice to resolve the situation, would return to the region triggered a predictable response. Israel poured more troops into the Palestinian areas to enhance its gains.

Sharon's last-ditch efforts, and his deaf response to American demands for a pullout, underscored how little faith the Sharon-led government now has in anything but a military solution, analysts said.

"Sharon had to know that diplomatically this would hurt him.... But deep down, Sharon still thinks there is a military solution to this," one Western observer said....

[JR: Sharon's military solution to the Palestinian problem and the Israeli incursions into Palestinian towns and cities is a psychological test not only to bend the will of the Palestinians but the U.S., the UN and the world as well. Inch by bloody inch Sharon means to take every piece of land occupied by the Palestinians until there is nothing left to negotiate over. The UN Security Council may make ominous threats and demands on Israel, but Israel has yet to comply with the UN Resolution 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) in which Israel agreed to exchange lands for peace and the creation of a Palestinian state. After three decades of stalling and avoiding its responsibility, Israel has proven she is not committed and is insincere about negotiating a peace agreement with the Palestinians. It is about time the world calls her bluff and makes her bend towards peace.]

ISRAELI ARMY EMBARRASSED BY VIDEO BROADCAST

CBC News, 03/19/02

JERUSALEM—The Israeli army has expressed a note of contrition after a television station aired a videotape showing an army assault on a Palestinian home in which a mother of five children died.

When *CBC News* spoke with Ismail Hawarjeh at Bethlehem's hospital earlier this month, there was no way to verify the story he told about how his wife had died, until Israel's Channel 2 broadcast the tape last weekend.

The Palestinian school administrator said his wife Huda had been killed in their home by an Israeli tank shell during the army's March 8 assault on the Aida refugee camp. The army wouldn't comment and foreign journalists weren't allowed inside the camp.

But Israeli media were allowed to ride along with the soldiers, and they went right into the Hawarjeh home. An Israeli camera recorded the army blowing off the door, and found Huda Hawarjeh bleeding on the floor.

The pictures conformed to Ismail Hawarjeh's story about his wife being hit by shrapnel in the front hallway of the house, and about the Israeli soldiers doing little to help her for an hour while she bled to death in front of her five children.

Finally, the soldiers allowed an ambulance to come to a nearby street, and soldiers helped Hawarjeh carry his wife to it. Doctors tried to revive her at the hospital but couldn't.

Huda Hawarjeh was one of seven people to die in the Bethlehem area that day.

The Israeli army allows the media such close access on the understanding it can embargo anything it doesn't want broadcast.

The tapes of the assault on the Hawarjeh home fell into that category. But Channel 2 broke the embargo anyway.

The army, government and many Israeli citizens didn't like what they saw.

Channel 2 showed Hawarjeh begging soldiers to allow an ambulance through. The camera captured the terror of the woman's daughter, and her brother's attempt to stop her from showing the soldiers her fear.

After the woman was finally taken out, one of the soldiers looked into the camera and said: "I don't know what we're doing here. Purification, maybe. It's dirty here. I don't know why a good Hebrew boy should be here, so far from his home."

The soldiers tore the home apart, evidently looking for weapons.

Another daughter begged them not to demolish the home's wall. Soldiers commonly smash walls to move into adjacent houses.

Israeli spokesman Ranaan Gissin said the government was disappointed by the decision to air the tapes. "I would have expected a little bit more self-censorship on the part of the Israeli media," he said.

Ma'ariv, Israel's second-biggest newspaper, ran the story on its front page on Monday, under a banner headline that read "Gaffe!"

The army, after trying to suppress distribution of the pictures, admitted the soldiers' actions pushed the boundaries of public acceptance.

"Our action is so difficult to be done that it is to the extremities of acceptance," said Olivier Rafowicz, an Israeli Defence Force spokesman.

He called what happened in the Hawarjeh home "a mistake".

[JR: The incident mentioned above was not covered by the U.S. media. What happened in Bethlehem was not a mistake. This is what goes on daily under Israeli occupation in the Palestinian towns and refugee camps. When the Israelis are caught in their own act of terrorism they always claim it was a mistake but they never say they are sorry. Is this the reason why Israel does not allow foreign journalists and cameramen to cover the conflict in Israel? Sharon and the military have overstepped the bounds regarding military operations against innocent civilians when an Israeli soldier questions why it has to be so.

To prove a point, all the witnesses who were to testify against Sharon regarding his genocide in the refugee camps in Lebanon at the World Court hearings have been conveniently assassinated. In the past century, the world has tolerated tyrants like Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot and Idi Amin who used genocide to get rid of their enemies... so in this new century we have Sharon.]

U.S. MAY END CURBS ON AID TO COLOMBIA

By Karen DeYoung, *Washington Post*, 03/15/02

The Bush administration plans to ask Congress next week to remove all restrictions on U.S. military aid to Colombia, including those that limit assistance to counter-narcotics efforts, impose human rights standards on the Colombian military and cap the number of U.S. military personnel in the country, administration and congressional sources said.

The plan, which also seeks to ward off restrictions on any future aid, is included in legislation that the administration expects to submit to Congress asking for additional funds for global and domestic anti-terrorism efforts this year.

The White House put aside a similar Colombia proposal barely two weeks ago on grounds that Congress might not support a significant broadening of the U.S. military mission there to assist the government of President Andres Pastrana in its fight against leftist guerrillas. The Pentagon, backed by some officials in other departments, had proposed including Colombia in the global war on terrorism.

To the administration's surprise, however, a number of key congressional figures subsequently said that they would support expanded U.S. aid in response to the changed circumstances in Colombia, where Pastrana last month abruptly ended three years of peace talks with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. A senior administration official said the new plan was developed in response to a "strong recommendation" from Congress to lay its Colombia cards on the table and allow an open debate....

Although the "words on the paper say it [current restrictions] should all be eliminated," he said, the administration plans to "make explicit" to Congress in some other fashion that it will continue to respect the 400-person cap on U.S. military personnel in Colombia as well as the congressional insistence that the Colombian military clean up its human rights record.

The multibillion-dollar appropriations package, including the new Colombia policy, is now awaiting final sign-off at the Office of Management and Budget.

The administration has long insisted that it has no intention of directly involving U.S. forces in the Colombian war. In essence, the proposal would authorize the deployment of U.S.-trained Colombian troops and U.S.-provided military equipment for government actions against groups that the United States has designated as terrorists.

"All we are trying to do is to add the words 'counter-terrorism' to what the U.S. can do in helping Colombia," the official said.

President Bush is also likely to sign a new presidential directive on Colombia, replacing a Clinton administration document that restricts U.S. intelligence-sharing and other military assistance to counter-narcotics efforts, officials said.

Three Colombian groups—the 16,500-member FARC, the smaller guerrilla National Liberation Army

(ELN) and the 10,000-strong right-wing paramilitary umbrella group known as the Colombian Self-Defense Force (AUC)—are on the administration's list of global terrorist organizations. But the Colombian military rarely confronts the paramilitary forces and is in negotiations with the ELN. The strong likelihood is that U.S. assistance would be used most often against the FARC.

The aid proposal is a direct offshoot of the administration's new anti-terrorism focus. But it also conforms to a longstanding view of some senior Bush officials—particularly those who worked on Latin American issues in earlier, Cold War administrations—that the United States ought to help Colombia's democratic government fend off a threat from guerrillas who espouse a Marxist ideology....

Since both the guerrillas and the paramilitary forces finance their activities largely through involvement in the drug trade, Congress authorized U.S. aid to be used against them only when such use overlaps with the anti-narcotics offensives in the southern part of the country where most Colombian coca is grown. Colombia supplies nearly all of the cocaine entering the United States, and a major portion of the heroin....

[JR: Through Bush's "executive directive" (E.O.?) the U.S. will involve itself in the internal affairs of Colombia. With the exuberant support of Congress, Colombia will be the beneficiary of unrestricted financial aid, U.S. military personnel and equipment to assist the government in its war against rival factions. Is this Stage One of the Bush Administration's plan to expand the war on terrorism into South America by designating rebel groups as terrorist? Could this also be a ploy by the U.S. to gain control of Colombia's oil and minerals and to secure the flow of heroin into the U.S. It's the same pattern of operations that the U.S. used to gain a foothold in Afghanistan, the Caucasus, Middle East and now south of the border. We have used and betrayed most of our allies: So is Latin America going to be drawn into a NAFTA-type coalition in the U.S.'s "war against terrorism"??]

U.S. EXPANDING INVOLVEMENT IN SUDAN

Stratfor Global Intelligence Update, 03/14/02

The United States is planning to deploy 15 monitors and support staff to the Nuba mountain region in central Sudan, to ensure the compliance of a recently signed cease-fire between the government and the southern-based Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) rebel group. The deployment will include either active-duty or retired military personnel who will be armed for self-protection.

The move represents an important expansion of U.S. involvement in Sudan's 18-year civil conflict between successive Arab and Muslim governments and animist and Christian rebel groups. The cease-fire in the strategically located Nuba Mountains is seen as a test case for further peace talks in the country. However, suspending the conflict in that area will in reality free up the government and rebels to focus greater attention on prosecuting the war in other conflict zones....

The Nuba Mountains bisect the country and are located in the southern half of the Kurdufan province. They are also halfway between the capital and the country's southern oil fields. The mountains are excellent fighting ground for lightly armed, mobile and small guerrilla groups, and rebels can outflank government forces by using them as a base of operations.

For years, the government and rebels have both relied on local proxies to carry out much of the fighting.

An initial observer force arrived in the mountains on March 7 to pave the way for the deployment of the monitoring commission. The group will establish a base of operations and contact representatives of the 500,000-member local population; assess humanitarian requirements; and evaluate developmental issues and rehabilitation projects such as the removal of landmines and the reopening of roads destroyed in the fighting, reports *Agence France-Presse*.

But the involvement of Washington—along with several European countries—will serve as added insurance for both sides. Freed from fighting in Nuba, the government and rebels can concentrate their efforts in other, more critical conflict zones. For instance the rebels may try to ratchet up operations around the southern oil fields.

At the moment, neither side has a decisive advantage. Over the course of the next year, the United States—which has indirectly assisted SPLA fighters in the past—could reduce humanitarian aid to the southern rebels in exchange for intelligence cooperation from the government. This could weaken the rebels at the same time that the government is re-emerging in the international system. For the moment, however, the involvement of Washington will serve only to allow both sides more room to maneuver and continue fighting in other fields of battle.

[JR: Another outpost for the U.S. encroachment into the regions identified with the ancient Cradle of Civilization and of the Old Testament. Why after 18 years are the U.S. and other unnamed European countries seeing fit to involve themselves in the civil war in Sudan? Besides its strategic location, Sudan borders Egypt and Ethiopia and is across the Red Sea from Saudi Arabia, and more importantly... it's got oil. Interesting that the U.S. is establishing 15 monitors (listening posts) and staff in the Nuba Mountains, an ideal location for military surveillance operations. With the oil fields secured the rebels will have to move elsewhere to continue the fighting. The priority here is about oil profits and not about stopping the civil war that has continued for almost two decades.]

**ANALYSTS SEE FEW OPTIONS FOR ZIMBABWE
GOAL IS TO PUNISH LEADER, NOT PEOPLE**

By Laurie Goering, *Tribune*, 03/17/02

HARARE, Zimbabwe—Shingirai Jeti, a Harare business student, can't see much of a future for himself or Zimbabwe since Robert Mugabe's re-election.

Food is scarce, and long lines of people waiting to buy a bag of cornmeal snake around the streets of the capital. Unemployment tops 60 percent. Zimbabwe's debt is staggering, inflation is mounting and even the nation's once-strong democratic reputation is foundering....

Mugabe, who on Sunday will be inaugurated Zimbabwe's ruler for the fifth time, has never faced a cooler political reception, at home and abroad.

Many Zimbabweans, too frightened to protest, are nonetheless deeply frustrated at his stubborn hold on power and fearful about their country's future.

Zimbabwe's major aid donors are backing away from the cash-strapped country after an election campaign marred by bitter violence and fraud charges. The World Bank and International Monetary Fund have suspended assistance, and the United States and Europe are considering broadened sanctions.

While most of the neighboring African leaders have rallied around Mugabe, some have dismissed the elections as flawed, fearing the aging Zimbabwean ruler's intransigence may drag down the entire region, already heavily burdened by AIDS and fragile economies.

Though Mugabe won re-election with 56 percent of the vote and has a base of largely rural support, the fraud allegations and intimidation tactics surrounding the election have led many Zimbabweans and international observers to contend he would have been ousted if he had allowed a free and fair vote.

The question for all of them is: How could Mugabe be persuaded to abandon, or at least share, power?

The possibilities are few and relatively tenuous, analysts from across the region say, though behind the scenes, diplomats are desperately scrambling to find one that works....

In many countries, the first and most obvious path to removing an intransigent leader is a popular uprising, experts say. But Mugabe's past willingness to use firepower to put down protests, combined with a well-educated and peace-loving Zimbabwean populace, makes it unlikely that mobs of angry Zimbabweans will take to the streets, even for peaceful marches.

"The idea is to make the country ungovernable," said John Makumbe, a political science professor at the University of Zimbabwe. "Unfortunately [non-violent protest] techniques need a lot of training that we in Zimbabwe don't have."

The other difficulty, he said, is that internally destabilizing the country, through strikes or marches, isn't an appealing notion to most Zimbabweans.

"There's still so much good here," he said. "So many people have a stake in a working government. There's running water, there is electricity, there are roads and cars. And there are plenty of people who say, 'Let's not destroy that because of one person.'"

Economic sanctions are not an option, analysts say, largely because they historically hurt average people more than intransigent governments. Unilateral sanctions—like the U.S. embargo against Cuba—are virtually doomed to failure, experts say, and even unified international sanctions, like those against the now-defunct apartheid regime in South Africa, work only if the government genuinely worries about being isolated and avoiding a steep economic downturn....

Efforts to put political pressure on Mugabe by withdrawing aid funds are equally untenable, experts say.

Even before the current electoral crisis, the United States, for instance, had already slashed its debt relief program for Zimbabwe and its U.S. Agency for International Development funds had been cut by a third, to \$13.7 million. Most of the remaining money is targeted to halt the spread of the AIDS virus, which affects a quarter of Zimbabwe's adult population. An additional \$20 million in U.S. food aid has been sent so far to families facing famine caused in part by drought....

A better option, they say, is what the U.S. and Europe are already trying: targeted political sanctions aimed at Zimbabwe's elite.

Both the United States and much of Europe have banned travel visas for Mugabe, his close associates and their families, and promised to freeze any of Mugabe's bank accounts they discover.

"That will hurt him," said Emmanuel Magade, a law professor at the University of Zimbabwe. "He used to enjoy a wonderful international reputation and jet-setting around the world. This will be a blow to his ego."

When Britain this year put its travel ban in place, Mugabe insisted he wouldn't want to travel to such a "dreadful" country anyway. But the restrictions may be harder to take when Mugabe's top lieutenants find their children no longer welcome in U.S. or European schools....

Under such a plan, they say, a pressured Mugabe would give Cabinet posts and appointed governorships to officials of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change, which lost the presidential ballot in hotly criticized elections last week.

A government of national unity is no guaranteed solution, analysts say. Zimbabwe's opposition might decline to participate, fearing it might see its name tainted by association. Mugabe might well have a hard time inviting in a party he bitterly scorned as an illegitimate puppet of Britain.

"The road toward national reconciliation is long and bumpy," Magade warned, "but it is probably our best option."

[JR: Over half of the Zimbabwean people are unemployed despite a population that is considered well educated—yet too peaceful to march in protest. The tyranny of Mugabe and his government holds a greater fear for them than their daily struggles and the problems their country faces. The opposition party is deficient as an alternative because of its ties to Britain. Imposing sanctions on the elite and their travels will be inconvenient at best—but how long will they do without their special privileges before they change their political positions and their loyal support for Mugabe? Who of them will be first in line to hand their country and their people over to the IMF/WB vultures waiting for the kill?]

EU LEADERS OK ECONOMIC MEASURES

By Constant Brand, *Newsday.com*, 03/16/02

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Eager to get economic reforms back on track, European Union leaders signed off on a slew of pledges Saturday to cut red tape and boost Europe's floundering economies.

The leaders, however, announced a deal that would only partially open energy markets to competition, one of the more contentious areas of reform at the two-day EU summit that ended Saturday.

The opening up of national markets, boosting investment in education and research and development and promoting high technology are all part of the EU drive to become the world's most "dynamic economy" by 2010.

Admitting that they failed to meet targets set two years ago, EU leaders say they are adamant in pushing through reforms in an attempt to catch up to the United States and boost job creation....

Spanish Prime Minister Jose Aznar, the summit host, called the agreements reached during the meeting a "fundamental step" to freeing Europe from the last vestiges of state monopolies....

Faced with French resistance, the leaders agreed to open the gas and electricity markets to competition by 2004 at the latest, but only for commercial customers. Aznar said this amounted to as much as 70 percent of the market.

A date to open the gas and electricity markets for private users will be decided in the next 12 months, the leaders agreed.

Energy liberalization has become a hot topic in France, where Prime Minister Lionel Jospin and

President Jacques Chirac face each other in presidential elections just weeks away. Both candidates are wary about the French public's concerns over energy prices.

Chirac and Jospin said they received "solid guarantees" at the summit that traditional public services will remain off-limits to free enterprise.

Still, Spanish Finance Minister Rodrigo Rato said the partial liberalization was progress. "A year ago there was no possibility of agreement at all," he said....

The leaders also pledged to raise vocational training and education standards, boost Internet usage by young Europeans and cut taxes for low income earners.

In their statement, the leaders also touched on the Mideast situation, hailing a peace initiative by Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah. They demanded that Israel lift all travel restrictions on Yasser Arafat and that the Palestinian leader rein in terrorism.

The Europeans said they also plan to widen sanctions against Zimbabwe for staging flawed elections, won by President Robert Mugabe. A final decision is expected next month.

[JR: The world is engaged in an economic and financial battle that will in a short time be the prominent issue in world affairs. The U.S. may lose ground in the competition because we are so focused on our "war against terrorism". If you go by today's official projections (prophecy), the war will continue for fifty years or more and spread across the globe. The countries that will enjoy the spoils of wealth and power will be the ones who develop industries and technologies that are innovative and will keep their people employed and their countries thriving. Those that turn swords into plowshares will be the winners!]

GREENBACKS MAY GAIN COLORS

By Barbara Hagenbaugh, *USA TODAY*, 03/18/02

WASHINGTON—Starting next year, green may not be the only color on the bills in your wallet.

The government plans to roll out new currency in mid- to late-2003 as part of a stepped-up effort to combat counterfeiters in an age when computers have made copying money much easier.

Among other changes, the most noticeable will be color. Though now all bills feature green and black print on neutral-colored paper, the new money is likely to have "subtle color" in the neutral areas, though the government isn't saying what the colors will be.

Changes won't be radical. "They'll be traditional in their appearance," Bureau of Engraving and Printing spokesman Jim Hagedorn says, noting that size won't change and the same faces will appear on the same bills.

The new bills likely will be unveiled later this year before going into circulation.

The United States last introduced new currency in 1996, the first redesign since the 1920s. In that change, the portraits were enlarged and placed off-center. Also added: a watermark that can be seen when held up to a light and a strip on the bill that shows color under an ultraviolet lamp.

The new bills will enhance those changes. As in 1996, the \$1 and \$2 bills likely won't be changed because they're rarely faked. Old currency will continue to be accepted when the new money is released.

The government plans to redesign U.S. currency every seven to 10 years to stay ahead of the currency copycats. That's necessary in part because computers and laser printers have made counterfeiting much easier.

In the 2001 fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, 39% of the \$47.5 million in counterfeit money that entered into circulation was computer-generated. That's up from 0.5% in 1995, according to the Secret Service.

"You no longer have to be a skilled printer. You can just print it off of your computer," Secret Service spokesman Jim Mackin says.

The government has earmarked \$55 million for the public relations campaign to introduce the currency. That's about double the amount spent for the change in 1996.

The government won't be alone in spending money. Vending machine companies will have to pay to retrofit their machines. It cost companies \$350 million to retrofit machines in the last change, according to the National Automatic Merchandising Association.

[JR: The excuse in 1996 to change our fiat funny money into monopoly play money was to stop, cease and desist counterfeiting! The new design featured a magnetic strip and a watermark design that would be absolutely foolproof against counterfeiting. Was this just a ploy by the Treasury Dept. to get us used to continued changes in our currencies? Will we eventually become conditioned to accept seashells as legal tender? The government will spend \$55 million in a public-relations promotion to introduce the new colored currency for the decade. The explanation for this extravagance is to stop an increase of computer-generated money. The choices of colors have not yet been announced. Our own choice of colors would be... #1—blue (UN), #2—pink (for the rose-colored glasses the politicians wear in D.C.), #3—red (for liberal/socialist) and #4—gold (for the gold that isn't there).]

CANADA'S TRADE SURPLUS SOARS TO \$5.1 BILLION AS EXPORTS SURGE

CBC News, 03/19/02

OTTAWA—Canada's merchandise trade surplus zoomed to \$5.1 billion in January—the highest since last May—as exports rocketed that month to more than \$33 billion.

Statistics Canada said the export boom was due to a huge increase in Canadian shipments to the U.S.

"Canadian companies sent nearly \$28 billion in goods to the United States in January, up 4.4 percent from December, and they imported \$20.4 billion worth, up 1.6 percent," the agency said.

Canada's trade surplus with the United States rose \$852 million in January to \$7.6 billion.

Total exports in January were \$1 billion more than in the previous month, rising at almost double the rate of imports. "This gain, led by exports of aircraft, industrial machinery and natural gas, was the largest monthly increase in exports since January 2001," Stats Can said.

[JR: This is NAFTA... and the effect it has on our ailing U.S. economy that keeps American workers jobless and idle. Our trade deficit was up to \$28.5 Billion (15%) in Dec. with China the number one beneficiary, along with Japan and Canada. U.S. exports are down as always, due to our strong fiat dollar making U.S. goods too expensive. This contributes heavily to our slow growth and continuous unemployment. The U.S. stock market doesn't reflect these downturns due to the bogus facts and figures that distort predicted trends and earnings of U.S. companies.]

AMERICA'S BIG DIRTY SECRET— DEPLETED URANIUM IN BUNKER BOMBS

By Robert James Parsons,
Le Monde Diplomatique, 03/16/02

The United States loudly and proudly boasted this month of its new bomb currently being used against al-Qaida holdouts in Afghanistan; it sucks the air from underground installations, suffocating those within. The U.S. has also admitted that it has used depleted uranium weaponry over the last decade against bunkers in Iraq, Kosovo, and now Afghanistan.

"The immediate concern for medical professionals and employees of aid organizations remains the threat of extensive depleted uranium (DU) contamination in Afghanistan." This is one of the conclusions of a 130-page report, "Mystery Metal Nightmare in Afghanistan?", by Dai Williams, an independent researcher and occupational psychologist. It is the result of more than a year of research into DU and its effects on those exposed to it.

Using Internet sites of both NGOs and arms manufacturers, Williams has come up with information that he has cross-checked and compared with weapons that the Pentagon has reported—indeed boasted about—using during the war. What emerges is a startling and frightening vision of war, both in Afghanistan and in the future.

Since 1997 the United States has been modifying and upgrading its missiles and guided (smart) bombs. Prototypes of these bombs were tested in the Kosovo Mountains in 1999, but a far greater range has been tested in Afghanistan. The upgrade involves replacing a conventional warhead by a heavy, dense metal one. Calculating the volume and the weight of this mystery metal leads to two possible conclusions: it is either tungsten or depleted uranium.

Tungsten poses problems. Its melting point (3,422°C) makes it very hard to work; it is expensive; it is produced mostly by China; and it does not burn. DU is pyrophoric, burning on impact or if it is ignited, with a melting point of 1,132°C; it is much easier to process; and as nuclear waste, it is available free to arms manufacturers. Further, using it in a range of weapons significantly reduces the U.S. nuclear waste storage problem.

This type of weapon can penetrate many meters of reinforced concrete or rock in seconds. It is equipped with a detonator controlled by a computer that measures the density of the material passed through and, when the warhead reaches the targeted void or a set depth, detonates the warhead, which then has an explosive and incendiary effect. The DU burns fiercely and rapidly, carbonizing everything in the void, while the DU itself is transformed into a fine uranium oxide powder. Although only 30% of the DU of a 30mm penetrator round is oxidized, the DU charge of a missile oxidizes 100%. Most of the dust particles produced measure less than 1.5 microns, small enough to be breathed in....

The DU explosive charges in the guided bomb systems used in Afghanistan can weigh as much as one and a half metric tons (as in Raytheon's Bunker Buster—GBU-28).

Who cares?

In Geneva, where most of the aid agencies active in Afghanistan are based, Williams's report has caused varied reactions. The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs have circulated it.

But it does not seem to have worried agency and program directors much. Only Médecins sans Frontières and the UN Environment Program (UNEP) say they fear an environmental and health catastrophe.

In March and April 2001, UNEP and the World Health Organization (WHO) published reports on DU, reports that are frequently cited by those claiming DU is innocuous. The Pentagon emphasizes that the organizations are independent and neutral. But the UNEP study is, at best, compromised. The WHO study is unreliable.

The Kosovo assessment mission that provided the basis for the UNEP analysis was organized using maps supplied by Nato. Nato troops accompanied the researchers to protect them from unexploded munitions, including cluster bomb sub-munitions. These sub-munitions, as Williams discovered, were probably equipped with DU shaped-charges. Nato troops prevented researchers from any contact with DU sub-munitions, even from discovering their existence.

During the 16 months before the UNEP mission, the Pentagon sent at least 10 study teams into the field and did major clean-up operations. Out of 8,112 anti-tank penetrator rounds fired on the sites studied, the UNEP team recovered only 11, although many more would not have been burned....

The WHO undertook no proper epidemiological study, only an academic desk study. Under pressure from the International Atomic Energy Agency, the WHO confined itself to studying DU as a heavy metal, chemical contaminant. In January 2001, alerted to the imminent publication by *Le Monde diplomatique* of an article attacking its inaction, the WHO held a press conference and announced a \$2m fund—eventually \$20m—for research into DU. According to Dr. Michael Repacholi of the WHO, the report on DU, under way since 1999 and supervised by the British geologist Barry Smith, would be expanded to include radiation contamination. The work would include analyses of urine of people exposed to DU, conducted to determine the exposure level....

Uranium plus

Radiation emitted by DU threatens the human body because, once DU dust has been inhaled, it becomes an internal radiation source; international radiation protection standards, the basis of expert claims that DU is harmless, deal only with external radiation sources;

Dirty DU—the UNEP report, for all its failings, deserves credit for mentioning this. Uranium from reactors, recycled for use in munitions, contains additional highly toxic elements, such as plutonium, 1.6 kilograms of which could kill 8 billion people. Rather than depleted uranium, it should be called uranium plus.

In a French TV documentary on *Canal+* in January 2001, a team of researchers presented the results of an investigation into a gaseous diffusion—recycling—plant in Paducah, Kentucky, U.S. According to the lawyer for 100,000 plaintiffs, who are past and present plant employees, they were contaminated because of flagrant non-compliance with basic safety standards; the entire plant is irrevocably contaminated, as is everything it produces. The documentary claimed that the DU in the missiles that were dropped on Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and Iraq is likely to be a product of this plant.

These weapons represent more than just a new approach to warfare. The U.S. rearmament program launched during Ronald Reagan's presidency was based on the premise that the victor in future conflicts would be the side that destroyed the enemy's command and communications centers. Such centers are increasingly located in super-hardened bunkers deep underground.

Hitting such sites with nuclear weapons would do the

job well, but also produce radiation that even the Pentagon would have to acknowledge as fearsome, not to mention the bad public relations arising from mushroom-shaped clouds in a world aware of the dangers of nuclear war. DU warheads seem clean: they produce a fire modest in comparison with a nuclear detonation, though the incendiary effect can be just as destructive.

The information that Williams has gathered shows that after computer modeling in 1987, the U.S. conducted the first real operational tests against Baghdad in 1991. The war in Kosovo provided further opportunity to test, on impressively hard targets, DU weapon prototypes as well as weapons already in production. Afghanistan has seen an extension and amplification of such tests. But at the Pentagon there is little transparency about this.

Williams cites several press articles in December 2001 mentioning NBC (nuclear-biological-chemical) teams in the field checking for possible contamination. Such contamination, according to the U.S. government, would be attributed to the Taliban. But, last October, Afghan doctors, citing rapid deaths from internal ailments, were accusing the coalition of using chemical and radioactive weapons. The symptoms they reported (hemorrhaging, pulmonary constriction and vomiting) could have resulted from radiation contamination.

On 5 December, when a friendly-fire bomb hit coalition soldiers, media representatives were all immediately removed from the scene and locked up in a hangar. According to the Pentagon, the bomb was a GBU-31, carrying a BLU-109 warhead. The *Canal+* documentary shows an arms manufacturer's sales representative at an international fair in Dubai in 1999, just after the Kosovo war. He is presenting a BLU-109 warhead and describing its penetration capabilities against super hardened underground targets, explaining that this model had been tested in a recent war.

Donald Rumsfeld, U.S. Secretary of Defense, on 16 January this year admitted that the U.S. had found radiation in Afghanistan. But this, he reassured, was merely from DU warheads (supposedly belonging to al-Qaida); he did not explain how al-Qaida could have launched them without planes....

THE BIG GUYS

WORK FOR THE CARLYLE GROUP

By Melanie Warner, *Fortune.com*, 03/11/02

Are you the sort of person who believes in conspiracies—the Trilateral Commission secretly runs the world, that sort of thing? Well, then, here's a company for you. The Carlyle Group, a Washington, D.C., buyout firm, is one of the nation's largest defense contractors. It has billions of dollars at its disposal and employs a few important people. Maybe you've heard of them: former Secretary of State Jim Baker, former Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci, and former White House budget director Dick Darman. Wait, we're just getting warmed up. William Kennard, who recently headed the FCC, and Arthur Levitt, who just left the SEC, also work for Carlyle. As do former British Prime Minister John Major and former Philippines President Fidel Ramos. Let's see, are we forgetting anyone? Oh, right, former President George Herbert Walker Bush is on the payroll too.

The firm also has about a dozen investors from Saudi Arabia, including, until recently, the bin Laden family. Yes, those bin Ladens. Is it any wonder that Internet sites with names like *paranoiamagazine.com* are

rife with stories about Carlyle's shadowy, corrupt global network? And it's not just wackos. "Be careful," a tech entrepreneur in Silicon Valley wrote in an e-mail when he learned I was doing a story on Carlyle. "The rabbit hole runs really deep on this one."

Leaving aside the conspiracies for a moment, what exactly does the Carlyle Group do? Start with the basics: It's one of the world's largest and most powerful private-equity investment firms, meaning it buys and sells privately-held companies and divisions of large public companies for big profits. Founded in 1987 (and named after the favorite New York hotel of the firm's first investors, the Mellon family), Carlyle has raised a total of \$14 billion from investors in just the past five years—more than any other private-equity firm has attracted in the same period, except the Blackstone Group and CSFB Private Equity. Profits, too, have been pretty terrific. Not counting the standard 20% cut that goes to Carlyle's partners and managing directors, the firm's average annual rate of return has been 36%.

It's quite a success story, and to understand how Carlyle pulled it off, *FORTUNE* spent a month and a half peeking down that rabbit hole. One conclusion seems clear: While most of the conspiracy theories are amusingly overblown, this is a firm that's been built on the backs of Bush and other big shots who have lent Carlyle their names, their golden networks of friends in high places, and their insights into how government works. It wasn't until Carlucci joined, for instance, that Carlyle really took off. Founded by David Rubenstein, a lawyer who worked as an aide in the Carter White House, Bill Conway, a former CFO at MCI, and Dan D'Aniello, a former finance executive for Marriott, Carlyle early on invested in a motley assortment of deals—buying an airline-catering business, a health-food chain, and a biotech firm, for example. In 1990, Carlucci got the trio interested in the \$150-billion-a-year U.S. defense industry, making introductions to companies that would turn into some of Carlyle's most lucrative investments. Rubenstein quickly realized the wisdom of recruiting a former Secretary of Defense and followed it up with a former Secretary of State, then a former White House budget director, and on and on.

The revolving door has long been a fact of life in Washington, but Carlyle has given it a new spin. Instead of toiling away for a trade organization or consulting firm for a measly \$250,000 a year, former government officials can rake in serious cash by getting equity cuts on corporate deals. Several of the onetime government officials who have hooked up with Carlyle—Carlucci, Baker, and Darman, in particular—have made millions. Carlyle isn't the only organization doing it: Metropolitan West Financial in Los Angeles recently hired Al Gore to help with tech deals and make introductions overseas, for example. But Carlyle, which pioneered the idea, seems more adept at it than any other firm.

Unlike other private-equity groups, Carlyle concentrates on companies funded by the government, such as defense contractors, or those affected by government regulation, such as telecommunications firms, and then hires people with relevant government experience. As the company once put it in a brochure, "We invest in niche opportunities created in industries heavily affected by changes in governmental policies." Doing so, of course, raises the ultimate rabbit-hole question: Is Carlyle's approach just a smart twist on good old business networking or a step over the line into an ethical twilight zone in which the public trust is broken?

Half a mile from the White House, inside nondescript offices sparsely adorned with generic depictions of ships

and ducks, co-founder Rubenstein sits with his hands folded on a table so shiny you can see your reflection. Next to him sits Chris Ullman, Carlyle's first-ever full-time PR person. Habitually wary of media attention, Rubenstein and his partners agreed to rare interviews with *FORTUNE*. That's because since Sept. 11 the firm has been under unusual fire. First there was the bin Laden thing. Shafiq bin Laden, one of Osama's many brothers and a Carlyle investor, was in attendance at a Carlyle conference at a Washington hotel on that infamous day. As the media were quick to point out, this meant that George H.W. Bush was working for a firm that was helping to make the bin Ladens money. Even though the wealthy Saudi family has reportedly cut all ties to Osama, the press lambasted Carlyle.

The firm has since given the bin Ladens back their money, some \$2 million, but controversy lingers. Sept. 11 and its aftermath also created the appearance of further conflicts of interest—namely, that while his son is in the Oval Office directing the war effort and proposing the largest increase in defense spending since Ronald Reagan, Bush is working for a firm that, through various investments, has become the nation's 14th-largest defense contractor. "It destroys the office of the presidency no less, in my view, than having sex with an intern," says Larry Klayman, director of the watchdog group Judicial Watch. On top of all that, there's the unfolding Enron saga and the likely passage of the campaign-finance-reform bill, which suddenly make it look bad for businesses to have too many friends in Washington.

It's no surprise, then, that Rubenstein is anxious to downplay the roles of Carlyle's famous people and to dispel the aura of mystery surrounding the firm. "The word I hate most is 'secretive,'" says Rubenstein, whose wry countenance and shock of white hair suggest a less rubbery version of Steve Martin. Rubenstein insists that all Bush does for Carlyle is give speeches to investors and that it is silly to think of him whispering in his son's ear about how to help Carlyle's companies.

On the whole, Rubenstein says, the big names at Carlyle do a lot less than most people think. "We don't lobby the government," he says, echoing a claim made by other partners interviewed by *FORTUNE*. He insists that if Carlyle is at all remarkable, it's because of the firm's innovative approach to private equity, its great returns, and its global ambitions—not because it happens to employ a few famous people. "Out of the 500 people at the firm, we have maybe eight or nine who served in government. The rest are your typical Harvard, Stanford, or Wharton MBAs, who do all the same things they do at other firms," says Rubenstein. (In fact, the number of former government big shots is 12, but who's counting?)

The conspiracy theorists like to imagine that Bush, Baker, and Major are jetting around the world cutting deals and making money for companies owned by Carlyle, but after nearly two dozen interviews with CEOs of current and former Carlyle companies and people familiar with Carlyle's business, it seems clear that this really isn't happening. What Bush & Co. actually do is far less pernicious but clearly valuable to Carlyle—they help raise money. Every year Rubenstein sets up scores of lunches and dinners around the world intended to woo new investors and gratify existing ones. As you might imagine, people like Bush, Baker, and Major are a huge draw. "If you call and say you're doing a dinner with Jim Baker or with George Bush, and could they please attend, chances are people are going to show up," explains a former employee, who, like all ex-Carlyle

staffers I talked to, didn't want his name used. In the mid-'90s, for instance, Baker introduced Rubenstein to members of the royal family in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait; since he left Parliament last year, Major has been opening doors to big money in Europe and Canada. The allure of a former President is particularly irresistible. At Carlyle's annual investor meetings, CEOs and money managers line up to have their pictures taken with Bush.

For his camera-mugging and speech-giving, Bush is paid "in line with market rates," says Rubenstein. That would mean about \$100,000 per speech, so if Bush makes five or six speeches a year, as Rubenstein claims, then the former President is earning at least \$500,000 annually from Carlyle, not including the money he makes investing in deals. Rubenstein declines to specify which companies Bush has put money into, except to say that as a rule, they have nothing to do with the U.S. government.

There's no doubt that without these stars Carlyle would not have been able to raise as much money as it has. The firm's impressive returns and Rubenstein's seemingly inexhaustible energy and willingness to spend 300 days a year traveling have certainly played a role, but it's the bigwigs who draw crowds and really leave an impression. Their names on Carlyle brochures and their faces at Carlyle events give the firm a patina of power and credibility. "David's a brilliant fundraiser," says a source formerly associated with Carlyle. "What he's done so masterfully is traffic on the impression that the connections they have from these guys can bring them many valuable deals."

In the case of Carlucci, that impression happens to be true. The deals he's brought in total close to \$2 billion in profits. There were Magnavox and GDE, makers of top-secret electronics gear, and Vought, an aircraft-parts manufacturer, all of which Carlyle bought and sold within two years, netting \$300 million, \$109 million, and \$140 million, respectively.

Carlyle today is mostly associated with the defense industry, and one of the things Rubenstein and his partners would like to get across is that they invest in other things too. In fact, the firm owns stakes in everything from European automotive-parts manufacturers to Silicon Valley startups and Japanese DSL companies; roughly 25% of its profits last year came from real estate. But if you follow the money, it leads straight back to defense, which is where the greatest chunk of Carlyle's profits have come from. Today defense accounts for about 10% of the firm's total investments, but in the early days it was 60%.

The firm's biggest score to date also involved a military contractor—United Defense, which went public in November, turning Carlyle's \$130 million investment into \$900 million. But the story of United Defense's latest coup also shows why Carlyle will probably never be seen as just another shrewd investment firm.

Last spring, when United Defense was feverishly pitching the Crusader, one of its new products, to the Department of Defense, Jacques Gansler, then in charge of acquisitions at the Pentagon, got a call from across the Potomac. It was Frank Carlucci, and according to Gansler, he wanted to know how Gansler felt about the Crusader, a controversial self-propelled artillery system that many inside the Pentagon felt was out of sync with plans for a lighter, more mobile Army. "I think he [Carlucci] wanted to make sure I was personally involved and that it wasn't going to be one of these things that got pushed down the bowels of the system," says Gansler, who has known Carlucci since the Reagan Administration and occasionally sees him at D.C. social

events. As it turned out, Gansler was no fan of the Crusader and told Carlucci as much, ending that conversation. But Gansler thinks that had he been a fan, Carlucci "definitely would have wanted to make sure I was involved." It wasn't the first time Carlucci had had a conversation with a member of the Pentagon brass on behalf of a Carlyle company. In the early '90s, when Carlyle owned GDE, Carlucci drove over to Bethesda, Md., and met with, among others, Major General Raymond O'Mara, who was head of the Defense Department's Defense Mapping Agency, then a big GDE customer.

Carlucci acknowledges both conversations but asserts that neither constitutes lobbying. In O'Mara's case, he points out that GDE already had business from the mapping agency; in the case of Gansler, Carlucci says his call did nothing to advance the Crusader's cause. Nor, he says, did any of his interactions with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld during that time. The two men have known each other since their days on Princeton's wrestling team. The Rumsfelds have been to the Carluccis' for dinner and on several occasions have offered their ski house in Taos, N.M., to Carlucci and his wife, Marsha. It certainly would be easy for Carlucci to strike up a conversation over cocktails about the Crusader or some other Carlyle-related matter, but Carlucci says he never does that. "In light of our friendship, I'm particularly cautious about not discussing Carlyle business with him. In fact, I have never mentioned the word 'Crusader' in his presence," he says. All this may well be true. Yet it certainly can't hurt if it's known throughout the Pentagon that you are good friends with the Secretary of Defense. The Crusader, incidentally, is on the 2003 defense budget, making it likely that the Pentagon will ultimately buy 480 of the artillery systems for \$5 billion.

There's no question that Carlyle does occasionally make calls to the government on behalf of its companies. They may not be hard-sell lobbying calls, but making introductions to influential people is often just as effective. One company Carlyle funded recently through its venture fund hopes to tap into the firm's government connections. Indigo Systems, a maker of infrared-camera technology in Santa Barbara, has an interest in seeing the laws restricting exports of U.S.-made infrared technology lifted or amended. Indigo's technology goes into tiny cameras that manufacturers are starting to place in cars. These cameras "see" objects out of the range of the headlights and display them on a digital monitor. "The automotive industry is not centered on the U.S. today, and if our product is going to become a standard item on cars, I've got to have access to a global marketplace," says CEO Tim Fitzgibbons. During the five months it took Indigo and Carlyle to put together a deal, the two sides talked about ways Carlyle could help open doors within the government. "If somebody at Carlyle says to whoever is chairing a committee, 'We wish you would listen to these guys, we're invested in them, and they've got a good point,' then that says a lot. As opposed to me landing in D.C. and trying to get appointments, which is damn near impossible," says Fitzgibbons. Indigo's camera technology also has lots of security applications, and the company would like to get a slice of next year's \$38 billion federal budget allocated for homeland security. "Carlyle certainly can't influence the outcome, but they can at least get us an audience," says Fitzgibbons.

Besides opening doors, fundraising, and marketing, there is another advantage to getting ex-government honchos to join your firm, and that's investment insight. Carlucci didn't help companies like Magnavox, GDE, and

Vought win any defense business, but he brought these firms to Carlyle because of connections he'd made with defense contractors while at the Pentagon. And as a former Defense Secretary just a few years out of the job, he knew how to evaluate the companies. It was the end of the Cold War and Pentagon budgets were way down, but Carlucci knew big money was still going to be spent on certain programs. He figured that highly classified electronic equipment—such as the boxes for analyzing radar imagery and the battlefield radios made by Magnavox, as well as the digital mapping technology for cruise missiles made by GDE—was going to be very valuable as the Pentagon tried to make the Armed Forces smarter. Later, when Carlyle invested in Elgar Electronics in 1996, Carlucci looked favorably on something that scared off other investors. Says Elgar CEO Ken Kilpatrick: "Other people questioned what would happen if our business of selling automatic testing equipment to the Navy would go away. But Carlyle understood that the Navy was committed to this program and that it was just in the middle of it." Carlyle sold Elgar in 1998 for a profit of \$100 million.

Carlucci downplays the extent of his insight by saying that top analysts like Loren Thompson at the Lexington Institute know just as much as he does about defense spending, and maybe more. Certainly people like Thompson are quite knowledgeable and have networks of contacts at the Pentagon, but they don't belong to the same high-level coterie that a former Secretary of Defense does. They don't, for instance, go to lunches like the one Rumsfeld gave a little over a year ago where former Pentagon heavyweights like Carlucci, William Cohen, Caspar Weinberger, William Perry, and Dick Cheney all chatted and mingled. "Cabinet-level people are a small fraternity who all stay in touch," says a former Carlyle staffer. "Once they've reached that global 50,000-foot view, they tend to stay there."

Though defense has been Carlyle's most fruitful area to date, Carlucci and the firm's current head of defense investing, Alan Holt, don't have plans to do many deals this year. Wars are such an obvious bonanza for defense contractors that prices get bid up, and Carlyle thinks they're too high now. Fortunately, there are lots of other opportunities on the horizon. Carlyle recently launched its first energy fund in partnership with Riverstone Holdings; it is also in the process of putting together an asset-management group, headed by the former treasurer of the World Bank, that will invest in other private-equity funds. With the help of former SEC chief Levitt, Rubenstein is setting up a financial services fund. There's also telecom, which has the biggest team of people devoted to it of any area at Carlyle. "There are dramatic restructurings in the telecom and media business going on right now, and the one thing they have in common is that they're all driven at some point by government action," says former FCC boss Kennard—who, like Levitt, is a Democrat, which shows that Carlyle can be bipartisan.

Rubenstein started recruiting Kennard to be a managing director in Carlyle's telecom group as soon as he left the commission last year, and ultimately won out over lots of other bidders. He was quite a catch. Kennard knows everyone who's anyone in telecom and has extensive contacts at regulatory agencies around the world. Could telecom be Carlyle's new defense? Rubenstein doesn't like to put in it those terms, but he's hoping for big returns. Looking at what Carlyle and its star-studded team have been able to do in the past, would you bet against him? 

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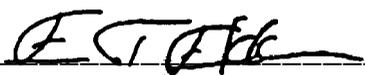
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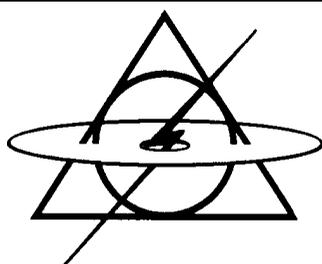
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